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Expo to feature interactive demonstrations this weekend

by Emma Palova

ooths with interactive demonstrations such as framing and matting,

cholesterol screening and a Boy Scouts Derby are just a few samplings from this year's Expo.

record turnout," said Lowell Area Chamber director Liz Baker.

Baker hopes the Expo "We're looking to a will encourage people to

shop locally. Vendors will showcase their goods and services from gardening to the much-awaited Lowell City Directory 2008.

"We want to remind people to use our local a safety demonstration by businesses for their future needs," Baker said.

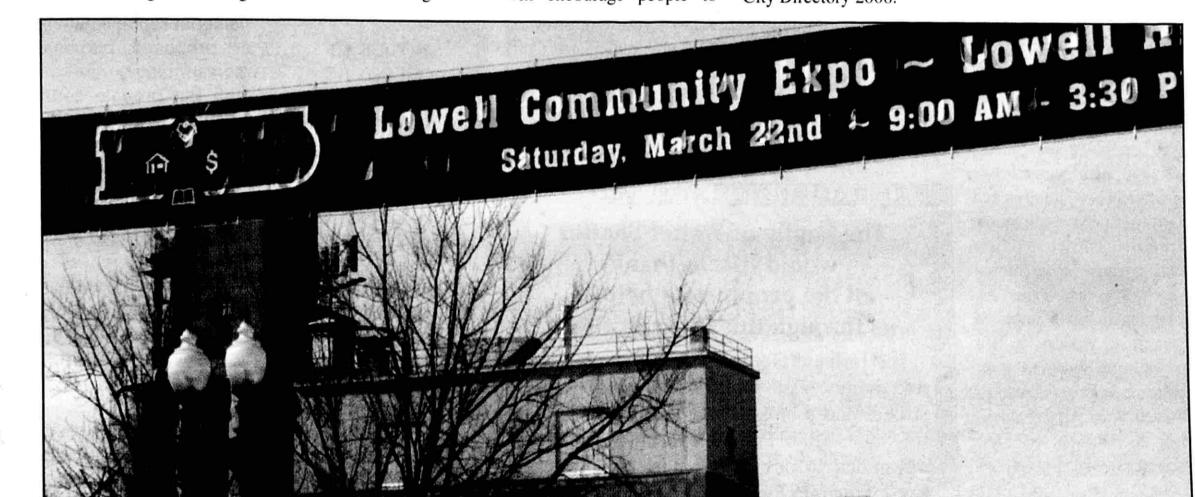
New this year will be Lowell Light and Power and Great Lakes Energy.

Utility representatives will demonstrate the power of electricity at 7,200 volts on a miniature electric distribution system, complete with poles, wires, fuses, transformers, insulators and meters.

"Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the safety equipment and tools used by the linemen as they build and maintain the power lines," said Tom Richards.

A big part of the Expo is entertainment by the Lowell Area Schools. Cherry Creek second graders will dance the jig.

Impact Church will have





"Peter Cottontail's Bunny Trail," free pictures and fun. Michigan Community Blood Centers and Lowell Community Wellness will provide blood typing.

The banner is up, Expo is on the way.

Local artist remembered as a motivator

by Emma Palova

set of brushes in an orange pouch and an easel without canvas next to the "Yet Another Roadside Attraction" 2004 painting memorial highlighted services for an artist who inspired hundreds.

David Davis, painter, mentor, arts guru and teacher, passed away last week, a few days prior to his 65th birthday.

"He was the face of art in Lowell," said artist Debra Jenkins. "He made art very accessible. He was a goodwill ambassador of the arts."

That same feeling echoed throughout the entire arts community deeply saddened by the loss of an artist, best known for being a motivator to others.

Davis liked to call himself a "colorist" for his ability to mix colors. He strived to create a greater colorful explosion everytime he painted. His bold sprawled and flowers climbed all over the canvas vellows, cadmium in



The late David Davis motivated hundreds of artists, young and old.

oranges and reds coupled with greens, burnt umber and sepia.

In his artist statement the 2004 for exhibit "Yet Another Roadside Attraction," Davis wrote:

"Making art has been a major part of my life and education. Tough going at times, it is what I am about."

Davis has created an entire school of artists making art on their own. In his Studio 208 and at the

Fire and Water Art gallery on Main Street, he taught hundreds of artists, young and old. At Studio 208, he called his classes "Super Studio Saturdays", while encouraging young people to create.

"How do you know you're not an artist, if you don't try?" Davis said at a session in December.

No matter the palette, Davis always appreciated its beauty.

Wearing a cap and baggy pants, a cane in his hand, Davis talked about art for hours with his students and anyone willing to listen. His students called him Mr. D. One of his favorite students of eight years was artist Gerard Wood.

"He pushed us out of the box and got us experimenting," said Wood. "He taught how to appreciate yourself. We had fun."

Wood said the most important thing he had learned from Davis was to appreciate beauty around us.

Davis prided himself in giving assignments of all

sorts, from beautiful hues on the horizon to rocks, insects and warty gourds.

"He embraced color, patterns and texture," said Wood. "I thank him for his patience and ability to coax the best from within us. He accepted you, for you."

Davis' biggest push was for placing arts in public spaces. It was due to his efforts that art was on display at the Huntington Galleria, Riverwalk Gallery, High Street Gallery and at the Lowell Area Arts Council constantly to encourage the artists, as well as the public.

"The more exposure you have to arts, the better the community," Davis used to say.

The work of his student artists was rotated between above-mentioned the venues.

Davis designed one of his favorite shows, the "Jeepers Creepers," in the fall. But, there were countless others such as the one inside the Chamber of Commerce.

"It's been a great

relationship promoting arts in the community," said chamber director Liz Baker about Davis' exhibits inside the Riverwalk Gallery. "We collaborated together. He was a unique person, all unto himself."

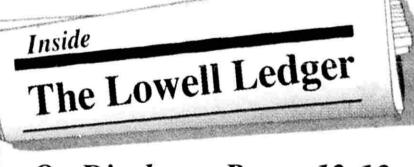
Lorain Smalligan, executive director of the Lowell Area Arts Council, said Davis provided an extension of arts into the community.

"He created an extension of what he loved," she said. "The community

would not be the type of community without David. It wouldn't be as vibrant. We have to keep that energy going."

According to Smalligan, Davis spread the message, that anybody can become a part of the arts community.

"He brought out the best in everybody," said Susan Molnar of Glass House Designs. "He was the most recognizable artist. He influenced and encouraged kids."



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CHATERDON Richard John Chaterdon. aged 71 of Lowell, passed away on Wednesday. March 12, 2008. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vlada and Orpha Chaterdon, and his sister. He is survived by his wife, Diana; children, Paul Chaterdon, Bryan (Marcee) Chaterdon, Chrissy Miel; grandchildren, Alex Reed, Colyn Reed, Christopher, sisters, Dorothy Miel: (Larry) Schneider, Phyllis several (Richard) Bieri: and nephews nieces. cousins. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years. He retired from Attwood 2001 Industries in Memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans or American Red Cross.



David Fletcher Davis of Lowell, born March 13, 1943 passed away a few days short of his 65th birthday on Monday, March 10, 2008. David was a wonderful artist and a friend to many. Anyone who knew him was lucky and has a story that will make them smile. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert F. Davis and Barbara (Davis) Rivette. Dave is survived by his brother, Thomas A. (Cherri) Davis; sister, Kimberly A. Davis, all of Lowell; niece, Sara (George) Ponchaud; nephews, Matthew A. Davis, Adam C. Davis, Mike VanTatenhove, Pat VanTatenhove, (Maria) and Matt (Kimberly) VanTatenhove; great-niece, Deziray Stanley; and two great-nephews, Ramsey and Griffin Ponchaud; also many special aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church in Lowell on Monday. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Dave's name to Lowell Area Arts Council. 149 S. Hudson or First Congregational Church of

SMITH

Irene Avis Smith, aged 76, of Lake Odessa, formerly of Alto, was called Home to be with her Lord on March 13. 2008. Irene was born in Hayes Twp. on August 18, 1931 to Harry and Eva (DeForest) Swain. She graduated from Banks Township High School in 1949, and was united in marriage to Albert George Smith on August

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Walt.

The family of Walter Shaffer

would like to thank

all the people who helped

us through this difficult time.

The Holland Home helped in our home

for many years after Walter had four

strokes and a broken hip. Thank you also

to the Alto Fire Department who 🗖

responded to our many calls. The Roth-

Gerst Funeral Home did a wonderful job

helping with the arrangements. A very

special thank you to Roger LaWarre for not

only his support but also the wonderful

Thank you for the many beautiful cards

extremely sad and difficult time of losing

SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF

THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008

Minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting

were approved as presented and the

Motion to adopt the snowplow mailbox policy

as presented by Department of Public Works

Motion to adopt the resolution of support for

Motion to set a public hearing for Monday,

April 7, 2008 to consider the temporary sign

ordinance amendment as recommended by

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The next

regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday,

Complete minutes will be available on the

City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

City Hall upon approval on March 17, 2008.

accounts payable were approved.

The following actions were taken:

co-locating the 63rd District Court.

Director Dan DesJarden.

the Planning Commission.

March 17, 2008.

Lowell

and letters. They comforted us during this

Sincerely, Barbara Shaffer,

Delores, Donna & Will, Wes, 🏼

Dick and Debbie and Larry and Gail

service for Walter and Faith Hospice.

26, 1950. Irene retired Riemersma and children, Calvary Grace Brethren from General Motors in Andrew, Cody and Heather; Church. Burial will be in Grand Rapids in 1987 after Michelle (Jon) Pewoski, 30 years of service. She and children, Michael and The family has suggested enjoyed gardening, bingo, Nathan; Jordan (Donna) mushrooming, horseback riding, and her Jr., Brett, and Charlotte; Grace Brethren Church, children and grandchildren's sister, Audrey Kaiser; Barry Community Hospice, hobbies and activities, but brother, Clare Swain; and most of all Irene was a many more loving relatives Shelter. dedicated wife, mother, and and friends. Irene had been grandmother. In her last few blessed with the care and vears, she was also dedicated friendship of two special to her constant companion -- ladies, JoAnn and Janet, her dog, Shadow. Irene was as well her other special preceded in death by her caregivers from Home parents: husband, Albert; Instead. Funeral service brother, Kenneth Swain; were held Monday at the Saranac. sisters, Donna Swain and Grace Webster; and sonin-laws, H.M. Raymor and Larry Osborne. She is survived by her children and families, Cindy Osborne; Kathy (Darrell) Newton and children, Torri (Jeff) Rhodes and the expected first great grandchild, Mindy and Sami; Tami (Wayne)

hunting, Smith and children, Jordan,



PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO

CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** FILE NO. 08-184,814-DE

Estate of JAMIE MARIE ZIENERT, deceased Date of birth: 11/3/1963

TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, JAMIE MARIE ZIENERT, who lived at 2244 Boyd Court, Grand Rapids, MI Ada, MI 49301 49525, died 1/19/2008.

Creditors of decedent that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

THE ANNA L. PHILPOTT TRUST

RE: ANNA L. PHILPOTT a/k/a LUCILLE A. PHILPOTT

> Date of birth: 9/12/1914

3/14/2008 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ANNA L. PHILPOTTa/k/aLUCILLE L. PHILPOTT, who lived at 2003 Coit, NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 2/3/2008.

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E-Mail: le Second C POSTMASTER: Send address change to: The Lowell Ledger P.O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331 www.lowellbuyersguide.com

SYNOPSIS **REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

Minutes of the February 4, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

The following actions were taken:

Motion to approve the Public Park Use Agreement between the City of Lowell and Lowell Youth Football.

Motion to approve the increase of the electrical, mechanical and plumbing fees as presented

Motion to require a \$300 per year fee for Matthew DeWildt of Edward Jones for door to door solicitation.

Motion to approve the purchase and installation of a computer as well as external hard drive and installation at the Department of Public Works for \$1,050.

Motion to approve the Resolution for the extension of License Agreement for the Lowell Boy Scout Troop 102 involving the cabin and adjoining property to April 30, 2008.

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Motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 3, 2008.

Complete minutes are available on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at Lowell City Hall.



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

Bowne Center Cemetery. that memorial contributions may be made to the Calvary or Makenzie's Animal

WHITTEMORE

David K. Whittemore, aged 75, of Saranac, passed away March 12, 2008. Funeral arrangements pending with Lake Funeral Home of

presented to MATHEW

R. ZIENERT and E.

SUE ARMOUR, named

personal representative,

or proposed personal

representative, or to

both the probate court

at 2244 Boyd Court NE,

Grand Rapids, MI 49525

and the named/proposed

personal representative

• LEGAL NOTICES •

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within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 3/11/2008 John D. Flynn - P27413

1275 Hawthorne Hills SE 616-897-6632

Mathew R. Zienert & E. Sue Armour 2244 Boyd Ct. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525 616-617-2358

NOTICE TO CREDITORS are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **BEVERLY J. MEADOWS,** SUCCESSORTRUSTEE, 2003 Coit NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

> John D. Mitus (P31244) 410 Bridge Street NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-774-4001

> > Beverly J. Meadows, Successor Trustee 2003 Coit NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Odyssey of the Mind teams advance to state finals

of the Mind tournament was held last Saturday at finals on April 19 at East Odyssey Road Rally took of long-term problems, Greenville Middle School Kentwood High School. third. Both primary teams as 51 teams gathered to show off their creativity.

Murray Lake three Elementary sent Division 1 and 2 primary teams to the regional competition. The top

The Region 13 Odyssey Division 1 teams in each Muses took second, and the the world. Teams work to problem qualify for the state Div. 1 third grade team in solve any one of a number Murray Lake Elementary received blue ribbons. will have three teams at the finals.

> team in Tee Structure took and problem-solving skills first place. The Div. 1 fifth among kindergarten through grade team in the Wonderful college-level students around

Odyssey of the Mind is an international program The Div. 1 fifth grade that fosters creative thinking

from building mechanical devices and balsa wood structures to creating a unique interpretation of a literary classic.



Murray Lake Elementary's third grade team, **Odyssey Road Rally.**

Murray Lake Elementary's fifth grade team, The Wonderful Muses.

Alto Family Links puts the "fun" in fundraisers

Article submitted by Michelle McDonald

to parents complain about selling items from a catalog for very little profit, City coupon book sales businesses. Each vendor given away throughout the Alto Family Links has been offering its families fundraising alternatives this wanted to keep the they make when women to the public, but tickets are school year.

Walk-a-thon, where students Night Out, similar to Girls make purchases and committed to walking laps Night Out event offered in order items throughout around the school and asked Lowell, was born. Women the evening. From 7-9:30 Alto Family Links, the friends and family to donate in the community can find p.m. women can browse parent teacher organization

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Council

end of the session, there will

be an opportunity to sign up

Immediate Assistance

Nicole 616-477-3829

See agent for details.

This offer is not valid

with any other specials.

for tutor training.

BELDING

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Literacy

Lend A Hand

VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES

After years of listening more than \$7,000. A second on March 20 with many and sodas included in the fundraiser came back by home-show representatives, \$5 ticket price (\$6 at the popular demand-Enjoy the local artisans, and area door). Door prizes will be netted more than \$2,000.

fundraising momentum from the Alto, Lowell and required. Please contact an The year started with a going so the idea of a Ladies surrounding communities Alto Family Links officer to

efforts. That event raised at Deer Run Golf Club, while enjoying snacks will give back to the school evening. A cash bar will be Family Links officers 25 percent of any sales available. This event is open money in support of their a little bit of everything through the various tables supporting students and staff

> or understand English well. up fast, so contact Alto By training people to be Family Links if you would tutors, the Council can offer like one.

one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance McDonald, president, 868in reading or English as a 0892, michellemcd@huges.

The information session smithee@conrin.com; Terri

The Kent County Second Language (ESL). net; Theresa Duursma, 868-The Kent County Literacy Council is a non- You do not need to speak 9792; theresa@rohdeconst profit, United Way agency another language to tutor on 1990 census figures, at will be held at the Yankee McGee, treasurer.



ARBY'S RESTAURANT

BALL'S ICE CREAM

BLUE RIBBON FEED

CITY LOOKS SALON

FLAT RIVER GRILL

HUNTINGTON BANK

KEISER'S KITCHEN

LARKIN'S RESTAURANT

GARY'S MEATS

JIMMY'S GRILL

BC PIZZA

JET PIZZA

LOWELL BEER STORE LOWELL LANES MEUER PARNELL GROCERY PIZZA HUT REEL TYME ROLL-A-WAY ROOKIES SNEAKERS

STATE FARM INSURANCE

secretary,

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24 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows people volunteer tutors to find out more about the council and its literacy programs. At the

has scheduled an information session on Monday, March

devoted to reducing illiteracy ESL. in our community. Based

least 19,000 adults in Kent Clipper Library located at County cannot read at a 2025 Leonard St., NE, Grand functional level. At least Rapids. Please call us at 459interested in becoming 6,000 adults cannot speak 5151 to register. EASTER **BUNNY!**

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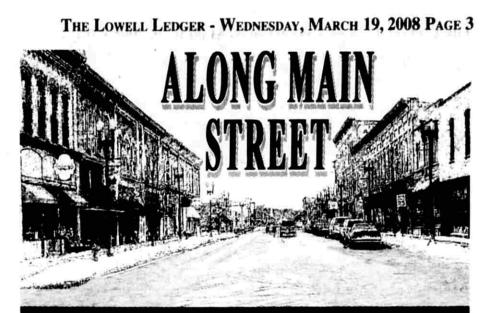


purchase tickets in advance. All proceeds go to at Alto Elementary.

Vendor spots are filling

Officers are Michelle ruction.com; Julie Smithee, 897-9546,





LOWELL MOOSE EASTER EGG HUNT Sat., March 22 at Creekside Park. 1-2 yr. at 11 a.m. 3 yr. at 11 a.m. 4-6 yr. at 11:45 a.m. 7-9 yr. at 12:30 p.m. \$25 top prize and two bicycles for each group.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, milk and coffee. Sat., March 22, 7-11 a.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson. Cost is donations at the door.

FAMILY POWER PROGRAM

A 10-week weight watcher program that is geared toward families of middle school age students begins March 24. Call Lowell Community Wellness at 340-7781 or Lowell Middle School at 987-2800 for more information. www.lowellcommunitywellness.org.

3RD ANNUAL RED ARROW SOFTBALL CLINIC

The varsity softball team will hold the clinic for all girls in grades 4 - 8 on Mon., March 24 from 7-9 p.m. in the high school gym. Participants must bring glove, tennis shoes, and bat if they have one. Cost is \$25. Pick up registration forms at Lowell Middle School and local elementary schools or show up at the door. Make check out to Lowell Softball. Free t-shirt will be provided.

WINTER FEST AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The community is invited to attend this event at Cherry Creek Elementary on Thurs., March 27 from 6:30-8 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR FALL FESTIVAL

The Lowell Area Arts Council is accepting applications for the 40th Annual Fallasburg Fall Festival. The deadline is April 1. Artists are selected by jury process based on jpegs written to CDs submitted for entry. The festival is Sept. 27-28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m both days. For more information or to receive an application form, contact the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545, e-mail info@lowellartscouncil.org or visit our website at www.lowellartscouncil.org to download an application.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

The Thebes Players community theatre is seeking eight actors for Jake's Women (one male in his 50s and seven female actors: one age 12, two in their early 20s, two in their 30s and two in their 40s). Auditions are on Wed., April 2 and Thurs., April 3 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson. Rehearsals begin on Mon., April 30. For more information or to borrow a script for review, call or visit the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, 897-8545 or refer to their website at www.lowellarts council.org.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. has available to Lowell area residents many types of medical equipment such as crutches, commodes, shower/bath seats, walkers, etc. This equipment is located in the F.R.O.M. Building, 11535 E. Fulton St.

LOOKING FOR RELAY FOR LIFE TEAMS

Fundraising is starting during the months of March-June. The third Annual 24-hr. Relay for Life of Lowell will take place from noon to noon, Fri., June 27 - Sat., June 28. Teams are now forming to help raise research and program dollars for the American Cancer Society's signature event. Consider forming a team (small businesses can group together to form teams). For more information about Relay For Life of Lowell or to find out how you can either form a RFL team or be on another group's team, please call event co-chair, Carol Briggs at 897-5501.

VINTAGE BASEBALL

Local vintage baseball team seeks players for 2008 season. Games are modified slow pitch, played by 1860 rules. Males and females eligible to play. Some travel, dues required. For more information call (616) 635-7992 or e-mail Fallasburgcubsbbc@yahoo.com.

THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008 PAGE 4 **District-wide school improvements to begin at middle** school; plus newly-designed parking lot at high school

by Shelly MacNaughton Contributing writer

Lowell Middle School will be experiencing major

renovations soon. Work could begin as early as May are on break. 1. however much of the work will take place over the school will include a new

Front Elevation ront Perspective

The improvements made to the Lowell Middle School were designed by Beta Design of Grand Rapids.



summer when the students roof, new ceiling tiles, allowing more comfortable new carpet where needed, classrooms for students. Updates to the middle site lighting and signage, new lockers, doors, and will be receiving a new roof hardware.

The cafeteria ceiling roof is 26 years old. Cherry will be remodeled acoustics and improve ventilation. Moisture has been an issue at the middle school and steps are being reduce taken to this. Entrances where moisture has been a problem are being completely remodeled.

provide a new environment situation at the high school. at the middle school, the District leaders met with bids have gone out, the AAA to gather ideas for contractors chosen and the whole bid situation. The goal was to package at school has come in below on traffic jams and fender the estimated budget by benders. about \$600,000," said Larry Mikulski, the transportation improvement for safety and operations director for for this district," said Greg the schools.

Most the district are receiving from all others. mechanical upgrades monitored by a central central location ultimately pick up area.

this summer. The current to Creek will be getting new carpet where needed, all new tile in corridors, new signage and new exterior windows. A new classroom will be added at the high

school for the FFA. With safety in mind, the district is taking steps "This is really going to to improve the parking have been improving the current the middle try to control and cut down

"This will be a huge Pratt. The solution is to buildings in separate student parking

The west parking lot, allowing controls to be which is currently the bus loading area and student location for all buildings in parking, will be redesigned the district. This will help adding an island into the to aid the district in energy parking lot. The lot will Temperature become staff parking, bus- Another major portion of and moisture levels will loading zone, and will be monitored from this include a parent drop off/



Air Force Airman 1st Class Kimberly M. Dixon has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base.

During the six weeks training, the airmen studied the Air Force organization. and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and

received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

John and Debra Dixon of Lowell.

Dixon is a 2002 graduate of Lowell High School.

Army Pfc. Phillip D. Miller has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values. physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in Lowell. basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, Rapids. rifle marksmanship, armed



Bushnell Elementary

She is the daughter of

During the nine weeks of

A new gate will be installed separating the bus and parent area from the student parking lots. Buses, staff and parents will use the Vergennes entrance, and students will use the Alden Nash entrance.

"I am very proud of this new parking lot plan," said Mikulski.

The reduction in student parking spaces from this redesigned lot will be replaced by a new parking area located to the north of the existing student lot on the east side of the building.

The Lowell school district is planning a technology upgrade for its schools that will span out over the next three years. Included in the technology upgrade will be multimedia packages for each classroom in the district.

Teachers will have projectors hard-wired to their computers, classrooms will have speakers for use with the multimedia, and a control device will allow teachers to connect other multimedia devices such as DVD and MP3 players. the technology package will include running Fiber to Alto schools.

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Kimberly M. Dixon

and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Julia Scholtens of Grand Rapids and Charles Miller of

graduate of Ottawa Hills High School in Grand

Viewpoint-

To The Editor

To the Lowell Ledger,

Today marks the fifth year anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. Five years ago, the Bush administration was conjuring up stories of weapons of mass destruction and Al-Qaeda connections in Iraq.

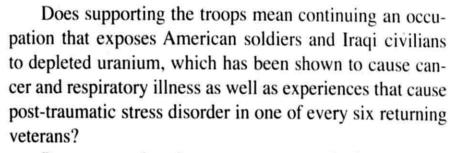
On Feb. 15, 2003, over 15 million people from numerous countries took to the streets to protest the invasion of Iraq knowing very well the catastrophic effects it would have on the Iraqi people. Saddam Hussein's regime was crumbling from years of war and sanctions. Political change in Iraq was inevitable. An unlawful invasion and occupation of Iraq by the United States was the worst way to bring about that change. On March 19, 2003, the U.S. disregarded the voices of over 15 million world citizens and began its shocking and awful invasion of Iraq.

On the fifth year anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, the world knows this war was based on lies. There were no nuclear bombs in Iraq and no connections with Iraq to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks or Al-Qaeda (only since the invasion has Al-Qaeda created a presence in Iraq). But for five years we have continued an occupation of aggression, turmoil, and death.

So why hasn't the American public showed support for the troops and the sovereign people of Iraq and demanded an end to the occupation?

Supporting the troops has been the tag line of this war. but what does it really mean?

Does supporting the troops mean continuing an occupation that has cost \$490 billion for the country and around * foster peace and justice. \$12 billion for Michigan alone?



Does supporting the troops mean continuing an occupation that has wounded 29,038 American soldiers?

Does supporting the troops mean continuing an occupation that has resulted in the death of anywhere from 30,000 to 1 million innocent Iraqi civilians?

Does supporting the troops mean continuing an occupation that has cost the lives of 3.943 American men and women?

Or does supporting the troops mean bringing them all home?

These are just some of the questions that Lowell Students for Democracy are pondering as the United States enters its fifth year of war in Iraq. Lowell Students for Democracy is a student group at Lowell High School that is organizing and educating around social justice issues, and the Iraq War is one of our top priorities. We recognize the illegality of the invasion of Iraq under the Charter of the United Nations and support the troops by demanding an immediate end to the occupation.

As both of Michigan's senators, Carl Levin and Debbie There will be a Sugar Party at Train's Hotel. Pewamo Stabenow, have continued to vote in favor of every funding orchestra will furnish music; yourself and ladies are invited. package, it may be important to ask if funding, and thus pro-Friday evening, March 23. longing the war, is really what the soldiers want? We can't We are a day behind time with the Journal this week on be sure of that, but as long as the United States government account of a disabled engine making it necessary for us to illegally keeps its armed forces in Iraq, Lowell Students for "grind them out by hand." Democracy will continue to work on a grassroots level to

Lowell Students for Democracy



RTI - REPONSE TO INTERVENTION

As young parents prepare to bring their children to school, many ask me the question, "What is the best way to ready our student for the start of their educational experience?" Although there are many activities that I recommend (including providing experience like our own TOTS program), I often recommend the same activity over and over again, and that is to read with your student on a regular basis. Do it often and at a variety of times throughout basis. the day.

dramatically over the past several years. Expectations for kindergarten students are extremely high. The days of naps and snack time within our kindergarten classes are now a part of history. Now there's a high focus on literacy and math. Each student enters their school experience at a different level. Therefore students progress at different rates of academic success throughout their K-12 experience.

Writing to the editor ... The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be
- printed is the writer's name and community of residence. Letters that contain statements that are libelous will not be
- published All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of for-profit businesses will not be accepted
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- limit of one letter per person per week. We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced
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In order to help students early in their educational experience, schools have been looking at a variety of models to intervene and help some of our young struggling students

Lowell since the summer of 1905, having purchased the store This year, Bushnell Elementary is piloting a program of D. F. Butts at that time. He is a good advertiser, carries called Response to Intervention or RTI. The program an up-to-date, select stock and does a good business. provides assessment data to the teachers who then intervene and develop a variety of lessons to help elevate student performance. There is no doubt in my mind that the hard **75 YEARS AGO** work and new techniques used by our staff are reaching more students on a more consistent basis than ever before. THE LOWELL LEDGER The Response to Intervention model allows the school to AND ALTO SOLO conduct data meetings using a problem-solving approach MARCH 23, 1933 which offers general education services to a struggling It has now been asserted that people now live 20 years reader. It also provides a process for organizing decisions longer than they did 50 years ago. They have to-in order based on data-driven instructional practices on a daily to pay their taxes.

The U.S. Government has notified gold hoarders that According to Karen Burd, Bushnell Elementary they have until March 27 in which to take their yellow The expectations for our young students have increased principal, "Six months into this work, Bushnell continues to metal to a bank and receive currency in exchange. work extremely hard celebrating our success in supporting each other in our struggles. I continue to be incredibly proud **50 YEARS AGO** of the work and dedication of our Bushnell staff, and I am grateful for the support of our team." THE LOWELL LEDGER

The development of RTI was made possible through a Kent Intermediate School District grant that Bushnell Elementary received and will continue to receive for the upcoming 2008-09 school year. With the success of the program, it is our intent to continue the work with RTI and initiate the program throughout the district.

While the district continues to develop the best practices possible in the education sector, the success of each student is also dependent upon a much broader effort which includes the home and community. As we prepare students for the start of their education experience and work with them throughout their school years, we continue to look at ways to collaborate with parents and the community to better prepare them for our global society.

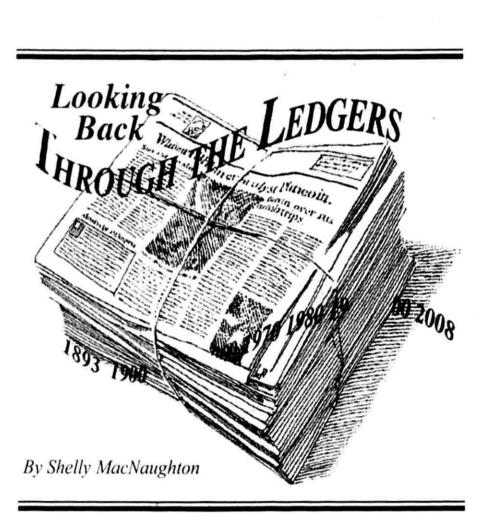
If you are a young parent preparing your child for the start of school in the upcoming fall, feel free to contact Kathy Cole at 987-2532 to learn about our TOTS program and preschool program and the availability of those classes.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Gregory Pratt, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or gpratt@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at www.lowellschools.com or make comments to the Board of of Commissioners. Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com).

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125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **MARCH 21, 1883**

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **MARCH 19, 1908**

Don M. Smith, representative and business manager of the shoe store of Phin Smith, his father, is the youngest business man in town. Mr. Smith has been in business in

MARCH 20, 1958

One of the largest turnouts of boys in recent years greeted new Lowell High tennis coach Art Bieri last Friday when eighteen eager netters came out for the squad. It appears that tennis is on the upswing at LHS and the future looks bright

First signs were reported by water customers on Sunday of the chlorination of the Lowell water supply. Calls to the office on Monday were numerous. The reason for this bacteria killer being added to the water is to eliminate the rust bacteria that causes red deposits in the mains and is a nuisance to Lowell householders.

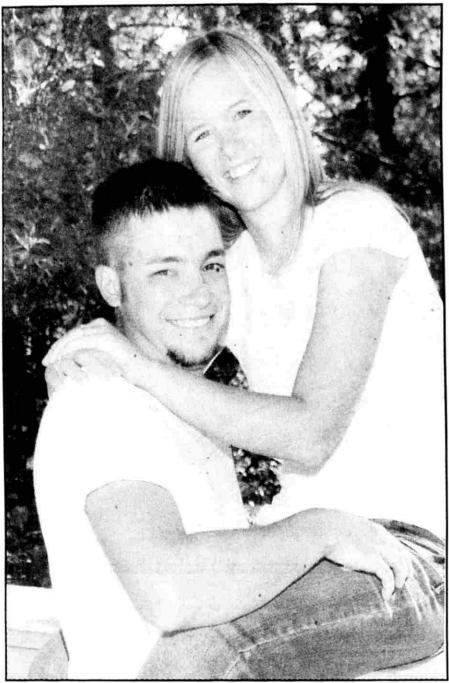
25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH 23, 1983

Headline: Dam and Power Plant being restored The Fallasburg Dam idle for 18 years, is coming out of retirement this September as a result of an agreement made early this year, thereby postponing funeral arrangements earlier made for it by the Kent County Board

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Engagements

McQueen/Mager



Jeff Mager and Heather McQueen

will be celebrated on June Wildwood Landscape. 21, 2008.

as a medical assistant. The future groom is a

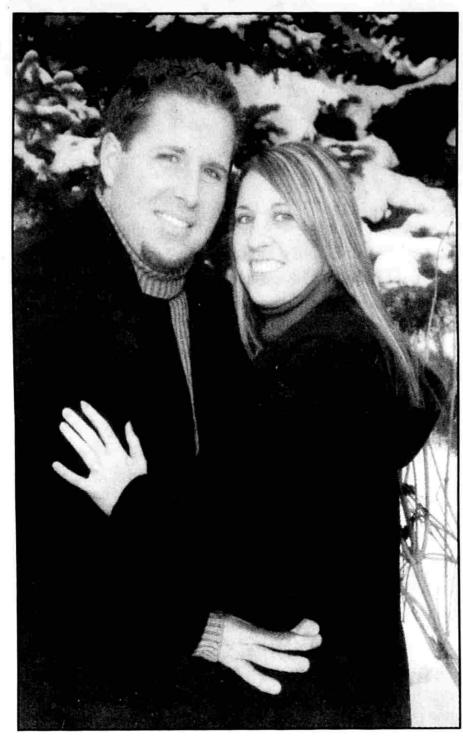
by Beccy Blann

Children's pastor;

Church of the Nazarene

The marriage of Heather graduate from Lowell High McQueen and Jeff Mager School and is employed at

The couple are the The bride-to-be is a children of Denny and graduate of Lowell High Sharon McQueen of Lowell School and is currently and Ted and Pat Mager of employed at Metro Health Saranac. The couple will reside in Saranac.



Roberts/Pleune

Brian David Pleune Jr. and Amanda Marie Roberts

Amanda Marie Roberts Roberts, are from Lowell. and Brian David Pleune Jr. The groom-elect graduated will be pronounced husband from Kellogsville High and wife on May 16, 2009. School and Grand Rapids The bride-elect graduated Community College and from Lowell High School is attending Ferris State and is attending Grand University. He and his Rapids Community College parents, Brian and Susan and Jackson Community Pleune, are from Grand College. She and her Rapids. parents, Scott and Jodie

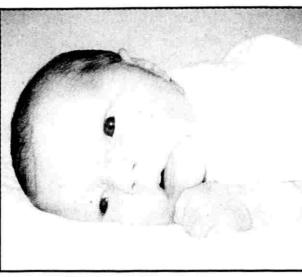


Earls

announce the birth of their daughter. Kaylie Louise. She was born Jan. 2008 at Metro Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 17 1/2 inches. The proud grandparents are Dennis and Diane Pretzel of Lowell and Bev Earls of Lowell.

Grace

Zachary James Grace, born on Feb. 14, was 8 lbs. and 21 inches long. Welcoming him home were dad and mom, Jeff and Dianna Grace and big sister, Liliana. Proud grandparents





I have been working on some spring cleaning chores

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around my house this week, which is always a pleasant task.

and baskets and storage units specially designed to help us stuff simplify our lives, my daughter asked me, "So, the answer insightful for a 7-year-old.

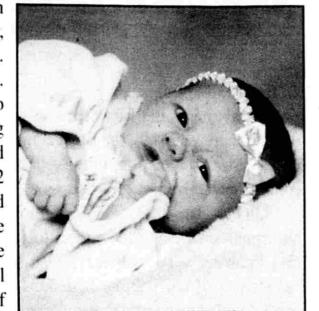
As I was sorting through winter clothing, deciding what to there's a problem; I know I need to turn to God. But first, I is watching over you." (1 Peter 5:7)

keep, toss or donate, I was reminded of a conversation I try to deal with it my own way. Feeling a little depressed? had several weeks ago. At the doctor's office, my daughter Just eat some ice cream. Feeling lonely? Just shop for new and I were reading a women's magazine that addressed the furniture. Feeling overwhelmed? Just play a video game. In problem of clutter. People live with so much stuff, a whole the end, I'm still depressed, and a few pounds heavier; I'm industry has sprung up to help people overcome the clutter still lonely, and in debt; I'm still overwhelmed, and more that accumulates. As we looked at the picture-perfect boxes work just piled up. To all my stuff of life, I just added more

That's not the life God wants for me, and it's not the life to having too much stuff is to buy more stuff?" Pretty God wants for you. We can try hiding or prettying up our stuff, all of our emotional issues and baggage and struggles. I don't know about you, but I tend to take this counter- Or we can turn to God's word for a clear alternative, "Turn intuitive approach in my spiritual life at times. I know all your troubles over to him, because he cares for you and



Heather and Kyle Earls of Belding, are happy to



Kaylie Louise Earls

Jim and

Grace

of

Mecosta,

Ted and Janice

Maumee.

Ohio, Bob and

Lanie Rice of

Lowell, great

grandmothers,

Bea Fusi of Clio

and Vivian Rice

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Women's Club **'08 raffle winners**

meeting held at Schneider Wooden It Be Nice went to manor on Feb. 13, the Paul Barron. Fourth prize, Lowell Women's Club held manicure and hot wax by their annual raffle. Several Mary Ford went to Liz prizes were donated by local Weber. Fifth prize, fuzzy hat crafters and artists. First by Toad Works went to Sara prize, handmade quilt by Vezino. Lowell Women's Virginia Tyler went to Scott Club members expressed and Barb Carpenter. Second their gratitude to everyone prize, custom necklace who helped make the raffle and earrings by DeKeiser a success. DeSigns went to Ana Collins.

During the monthly Third prize, wooden sign by



Rainwater



become Danial and Andrew (Kropf) and Jan Kropf and Ron Moore, Denise Fyan. Rainwater originally from and Kattie Aldrink, both of Alaska, now Oregon, Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Raymor, Ardis Barber, Chris Yeiter, Shirley announce the birth of baby girl Charity Rose, born February 16, weighing 6 lbs., 10 oz. and measuring 19 inches. Andrew is the daughter of Dan and

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY

MENU

Week of March 24, 2008

MON: Pepperoni pizza (egg salad sandwich

offered at Alto & Murray

broccoli, warm apple

TUES: Cheeseburger

on bun (chili & crackers

offered at Alto & Murray

Lake), oven potatoes

WED: Grilled cheese

sandwich (turkey &

cheese on bun offered

at Alto & Murray Lake),

tomato soup, vegetable

pasta salad, pears,

THURS: Waffles w

syrup or cereal w/

scrambled eggs, fresh

FRI: Footlong on bun

peanut butter offered at

Alto & Murray Lake),

mini carrots & dip,

fresh orange, milk.

w/yogurt 8

fruit/applesauce, milk.

graham crackers

steamed

fruit

cookie

Lake).

slices, milk.

assorted

milk.

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(bagel

homebaked

Dan and Rhonda Kropf Rhonda Kropf from Alaska. grandparents. Great grandparents are Bob Rainwater of Alaska.

Happy Birthday= **MARCH 19:** Elmer Brian Garbrion, Richard Barber,

Kimberly Dixon, Ellison, Alberta Ryder. MARCH 20: John Roudabush, Cody

MARCH 21:

Gary Yeiter, Molly Clark.

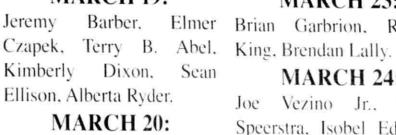
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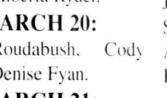
MARCH 25: Carigon, Sari VanKeulen, Andy Quada, Troy Sloan.

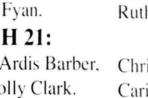


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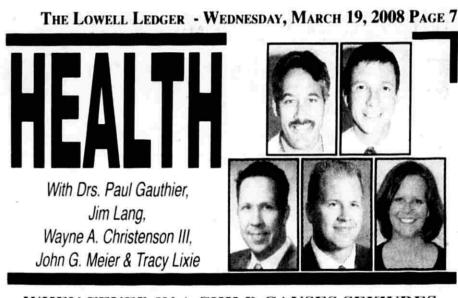






Barb Carpenter displays her first-prize quilt.





WHEN FEVER IN A CHILD CAUSES SEIZURES Febrile seizures are convulsions caused by a fever in infants or young children. During a febrile seizure, the child's arms and legs shake. Most febrile seizures last a minute or two, but they can range from a few seconds to more than 15 minutes.

These types of seizures usually happen in children 6 months to 5 years of age, and they are common in toddlers. Children rarely have a first febrile seizure before six months of age or after three years of age. The older a child is when the first febrile seizure occurs, the less likely that child is to have more seizures.

If your child has a febrile seizure, your doctor may order certain tests to make sure this is what actually occurred. Although these seizures can be scary, most are harmless. They do not cause brain damage, and have no effect on school work or IQ.

If your child has a fever, you can use over-the-counter medicines such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen to lower temperature and make your child feel better. Using medicines in children over 6 years of age is not recommended as they may cause side effects and may not work well for this type of seizure.



First United Methodist Church 621 E. Main, Lowell Please join us for **Holy Week and Easter Services** MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service by: Sr. High RAYA Group - 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast by: 7th/8th Grade Youth Group - 7:30 a.m. Easter Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday www.lowellumc.com

LHS February Students of the Month

Lowell High School and the LHS Academic Boosters are proud to announce the February 2008 students of the month In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters. Lowell High School is proud to announce that

Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for for the month. Students are this honor, a student must be nominated by a teacher. achievement, character, All the nomination forms

selected based on academic for the month are then 1350 students eligible

Leara Glinzak, 12th grade, reviewed and voted on at for nomination, so this is and Adrian McElveen, 10th the monthly Department guite an accomplishment grade, are the LHS February Chair Meeting, selecting for Leara and Adrian. The two students to be honored students receive a key card to the local businesses and a certificate.

Glinzak was nominated and work ethic. There are by Laurie Kuna who said; "Leara is one of those rare



individuals who is truly cheerful and sincere all the time. Her optimism is infectious, and she spreads that optimism equally to all members of the LHS Community. She lights up any room she enters simply becauseshe's always smiling. Her sincere appreciation of her world and all the people in it – regardless of race. creed or orientation - is

an outgoing personality. He is kind to his fellow classmates and shows everyone respect. He is willing to put in the time and the extra effort that is required to get the job done. I have a lot of respect for anyone who takes a setback and uses it as an opportunity to learn and grow. Adrian has done that."

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS normally gets noticed for Academic Boosters, call his academics or for having Laura Becker at 897-5653.

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TILE & GROUT SERVICE

Grand Lux chef shares passion for cuisine

by Emma Palova

chef cooked it somewhere off to Maui and cooked at dumplings. around the world.

cook up anything from N.C. a French bouillabaisse to Russian New York City in the mid- classes. 70s. Studley washed pots and pans in his parents' style kitchen," he said. French bistro, La Colombe D'or.

formal apprenticeship with profession of a chef was coattails of someone else. masterAndreRene, executive actually an honorable craft. chef at the Windows on the World restaurant on top of aspire to," he said. the World Trade Center.

gifted chefs," said Studley. developed a passion for

years at the Long Wharf in call l'art de vivre. Always people's meals for the most the Hamptons, but he wanted partial to soups, he learned important day in their lives," to experience flavors of the to make the Russian classic he said.

world rather than just the borsch, a soup made of beets You name it, Grand Lux New York scene. So he took and pork or beef and Russian chef's job in Lowell as an the Kula Lodge and later at Jonathan Studley can Magnolia Inn in Pinehurst, cooked was a first Russian-

Studley's most recent borsch or stint was at a private hunting Andalusian gazpacho. His preserve in Iowa. At that an honored profession," said said. long route to Lowell and time, Studley also ventured Studley. "It made me look chef's stardom started in out into teaching cooking at it differently. I nurtured cook cuisine indigenous

"I've run a teaching food."

Studley earned his realized the so-called default

"I was learning under Moscow and Kiev, Studley was ready to settle down. He was chef for nine food and life, what French being able to co-create

The hotel where Studley share his talent. American joint venture in can spend a year with me hospitality.

"I experienced first-hand anywhere in the country," he and developed a passion for to Michigan using local

He learned that it plans to do demonstrations However, it wasn't takes talent, dedication and in people's homes. until in Europe that Studley creativity to be a good chef on his own merit, not on the participation," he said.

Finally, after 30 years production." "It's a profession you in the industry, he found out about Grand Lux Ballrooms While cooking in in Lowell. By then, Studley

"I am excited about for you.

Ten tips for student travelers

Whether it's sunny beaches or voluntourism, a little homework done now can mean an A+ vacation later. AAA offers ten travel tips for your consideration. As you travel:

Start early. Order your passport at least three months before your departure date. If you've reached the age of 18, consider obtaining an International Drivers Permit (IDP). Whether or not you intend to drive, IDP photo identification and translation make it easier to communicate with foreign authorities.

Investigate health care coverage. Will your family's insurance plan cover you overseas? Consider trip insurance and a personal protection policy. If you cancel your trip, lose your luggage or need medical assistance, supplemental coverage could be invaluable.

Do your homework. the Consult U.S. Department of State and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention for health and travel advisories. Familiarize yourself with the language and local currency. Study the customs of the places you plan to visit - particularly those involving interaction with the opposite sex.

See your doctor. Request a letter detailing pertinent medical information including medications and copies of your prescriptions. For medicines containing narcotics, include written iustification for the prescription. Ask that the list the names of generic equivalents. Carry an extra pair of glasses, and copies of eyeglass and contact lens prescriptions.

Duplicate travelers cheques, medical

country codes. Carry one copy in vendors and crowds. suitcase and leave a duplicate with a tour guide and family member. Carry two extra passport photos.

Leave valuables at

travel jewelry and equipment number private. Inquire emergencycontactaddresses or necklace purse instead of and phone numbers with a fanny pack. Be cautious when dealing with street

Stay alert. Whenever possible, travel with a group. Don't talk to or accept drinks or rides from strangers. Keep information home. Replace expensive about your hotel and room

documents. Photocopy with a disposable camera about safety concerns as your passport, airline ticket, and inexpensive watch. you leave your hotel. Alert Avoid gold and gold-tone fellow travelers to your information, itinerary and jewelry. Use a money-belt destination and return time. Know where you're



NOTICE **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING** THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008 7:30 P.M.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

There will be a meeting of the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bowne Township Office located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., PO Box 35, Alto, MI 49302-0035 to hear the following variance requests.

Rex & Krista Beach - request a dimensional variance in the R-1 Rural Residential Zoned District Section 6.05 to reduce lot size to 1.02 acres from 2.50 acres, on parcel # 41-24-33-200-006, 11960 100th Street SE., Alto.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Bowne Township Office from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. Public comments will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the Township Office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township Office prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to clerk@bownetwp.cc.

> Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk



Family Physicians: Troy Silvernale, DO Mohammad Saleh, MD Lethecia Hernandez, MD

8:00 am - 4:30 pm 6735 Cascade Rd SE Grand Rapids MI, 49546

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Studley views opportunity to spread and

"It's a way somebody and walk away and cook

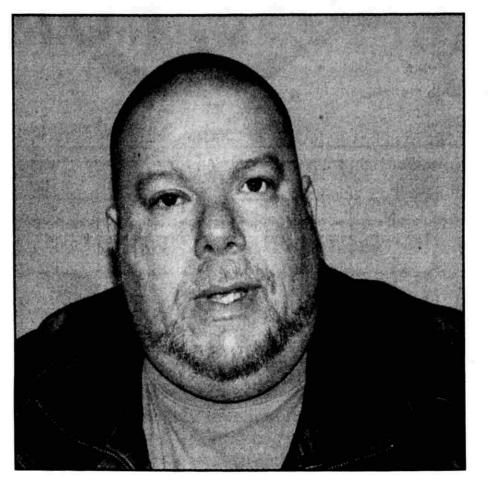
Studley also plans to produce, meats and wines. He

"I like interaction and "Cooking is not a theatrical

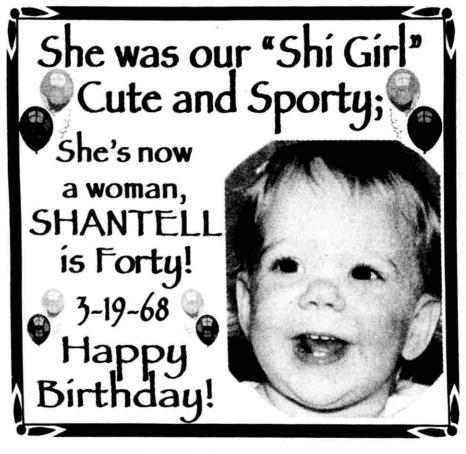
And if you find yourself stumped, not knowing what to cook for a big event, Chef Studley says he will be there

"You can call for advice," he said, "I'll help you plan the menu. I want to be your chef all the time."

> Travel tips, cont'd., pg. 11



Grand Lux chef Jonathan Studley makes cooking an interactive experience.



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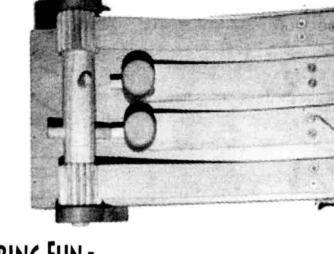
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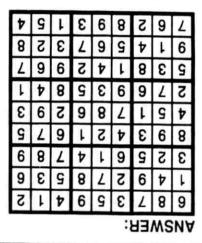
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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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- 60. Acorn parent
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Rehtacka, or a noisemaker, is used in Eastern "klika" used to put the entire Europe during the Easter week instead of bells in churches and out in the country. The noisemaker self. is made of wood with little gears that power the

It is a custom for in Eastern men young Europe to gather with these noisemakers on Easter Monday in front of young ladies' homes to wake them

machinery into its noisy



up.

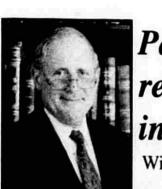
The noisemakers carry their wild sound into the country be-low the mountainsides where they originated.



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Paying for reconstruction in Iraq With Senator Carl Levin

During the five years of war in Iraq, the United States government has spent approximately half a trillion dollars. That funding includes billions of dollars devoted to reconstruction of Iraq's infrastructure, training Iraqi security forces and rebuilding Iraq's economy.

But while American taxpayers have been funding Iraq's recovery, reports indicate that the Iraqi government has accrued billions of dollars of assets that sit in bank accounts around the world.

At the outset of the Iraq War in March 2003, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz was asked whom he expected would pay for the rebuilding of Iraq. He answered that "there's a lot of money to pay for this. It doesn't have to be U.S. taxpayer money. And it starts with the assets of the Iraqi people ... the oil revenues of that county could bring between 50 and 100 billion dollars over the course of the next two or three years.... We are dealing with a country

that can really finance its own reconstruction and relatively soon."

This assessment was correct in part: the U.S. State Department estimates that Iraq oil sales garnered revenues of \$41 billion in 2007. With oil prices on the rise, it looks possible that they will collect \$60 billion in 2008. But despite billions of dollars in revenues, these funds have not been spent on Iraqi reconstruction as hoped.

Recently I was joined by my colleague on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Republican Senator John Warner of Virginia, in a request for an inquiry into Iraqi oil revenues and the funding of reconstruction in Iraq.

Our conversations with both Iraqis and Americans during visits to Iraq, as well as official U.S. government and unofficial media reports, have convinced us that the Iraqi government is not doing nearly enough to provide essential services and improve the quality of life of its citizens.

Every taxpayer dollar should be spent wisely, as should In fact, we believe that it has been overwhelmingly every dollar of Iraqi oil revenue. We oppose an arrangement U.S. taxpayer money that has funded Iraq reconstruction that spends American funds on Iraqi reconstruction and over the last five years, despite Iraq raking in billions of allows the Iraqi government to avoid committing its own dollars in oil revenue over that time period. Much of that financial resources to build a future for the Iraqi people. revenue appears to be deposited in non-Iraqi banks.

We asked the U.S. Comptroller General, who as head of the Government Accountability Office is charged with **PASSPORT FAIR** AT THE 12TH ANNUAL LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL 11700 VERGENNES ROAD SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008, 9:00 - Joseph Roux A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. VISIT LOWELL CITY HALL & MODERN PHOTOGRAPHICS BOOTHS (GYM "A") going. Carry a piece of information about criminal apply when you leave the activity or unfriendly country. Most countries do EACH APPLICANT WILL NEED TO LEGAL **COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND:** a pocket-sized map and Avoid clothing or places that those who use and traffic in (Applications are available on line at NOTICE you get lost. Find a quiet Arrange for an international violating drug laws can be travel.state.gov or at Expo) STATE OF MICHIGAN . Provide a certified birth certificate: **PROBATE COURT** For additional travel previously issued passport or Certificate of COUNTY OF KENT consult the U.S. tips. Department of State Web Naturalization NOTICE TO CREDITORS Say "no" to drugs. site at http://www.state. **Decedent's Estate** 2. Two passport photos – Modern FILE NO. 07-184,245-DE Photographics will do photo for \$20.00 at the Expo Estate of FRANCES BULTEMA. 3. Valid drivers' license or State issued ID (or deceased. that of a parent if 16 or 17 years old and Date of birth: both parents if under 16) 6/9/1916 TO ALL CREDITORS: 4. Application fee (check or money order The decedent, FRANCES made out to "U.S. Dept. of State") for: BULTEMA, who lived at 4664 Havana Ave. SW. U.S. Passport Book (valid for travel by air, Wyoming, MI 49509, died sea or land): 2/9/2006. \$75 (16 years or older) **Creditors of the decedent** \$60 (under 16 years old) are notified that all claims against the estate will U.S. Passport Card (Not for travel by air be forever barred unless presented to HENRY valid for land and sea crossings between the D. BULTEMA, named U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the personal representative. Caribbean only) or proposed personal representative, or to \$20 (16 years or older) both the probate court \$10 (under 16 years old) at 4664 HAVANA SW. WYOMING, MI 49509 and . Executive Fee (check or money order made the named/proposed out to "City of Lowell") for \$25.00 personal representative within 4 months after All applicants including children must appear the date of publication at the time of processing. Passport of this notice. applicants under 16 years old must have both parents present. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks 3/11/2008 Expedite services are for processing. Craig A. Bruggink PLC available. P29358 Questions call City Hall at 897-8457 prior to 429 Turner NW Passport applications processed Expo. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 616-456-5048 City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell Henry D. Bultema Michigan 4664 Havana SW 6 Wyominig, MI 49509 Lowell 616-245-1125

A fine quotation is a diamond on the finger of a man of wit, and a pebble in the hand of a fool.

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investigating how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars, to report back to us on how much oil revenue Iraq has collected since the start of the war, how much Iraq and the U.S. have spent on Iraqi reconstruction, including developing Iraqi security forces and spurring economic development, and how much money the Iraqi government currently has deposited in banks.

Finally, we want to know why the Iraqi government has not spent more of its oil revenue on providing essential services for the Iraqi people.

It does not make sense for taxpayers in Michigan and across America to pour money into Iraq, accruing billions of dollars of additional debt that must be paid by our children and grandchildren, while the Iraqi government refuses to spend its own money to protect and improve the life of its own citizens.

Tiny gallery located inside Fire and Art

by Emma Palova

gallery inside Fire and Art, people as well. is a purple- painted delight created by artist Janet evoke a feeling," she said. Krueger.

"I used my snow days other people's memories." on this," said Krueger about her new venue.

artist Kendra Postma, are Michigan landscapes. grabbed a bucket of purple paint to achieve a special dunes have made their way effect.

The purple walls are the "Sunset" by Krueger.

"I like to do small said.

of landscapes in her head. Grand Rapids.

She hopes her paintings will LaPetite Galleria, a tiny evoke memories in other

> "I just start painting to "My paintings may trigger

That very well may happen, because the Krueger, along with majority of Krueger's work

So, valleys, fields and onto Krueger's canvas.

"I don't want them to be decked out with lovely photo representative," she landscape paintings such as said. "I want them a little more impressionistic."

Her painting "My intimate landscapes," she Peace I leave You" was in a juried show Celebration of Krueger, who paints out the Religious Arts at First of memory, says she has tons United Methodist Church in

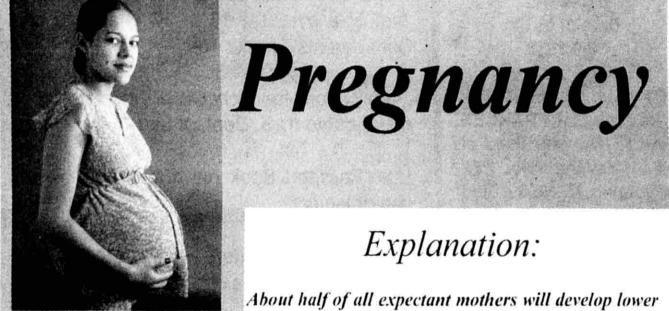
> Janet Krueger creates a tiny gallery inside a big gallery.

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It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious. - Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)





♦ Get regular Chiropractic checkups.

Do safe exercises like walking swimming, stationary cycling.

• Wear flat shoes with good ar supports.

 Use pregnancy pillow or full body pillow when sleeping.

• Eat small meals or snacks every four hours.

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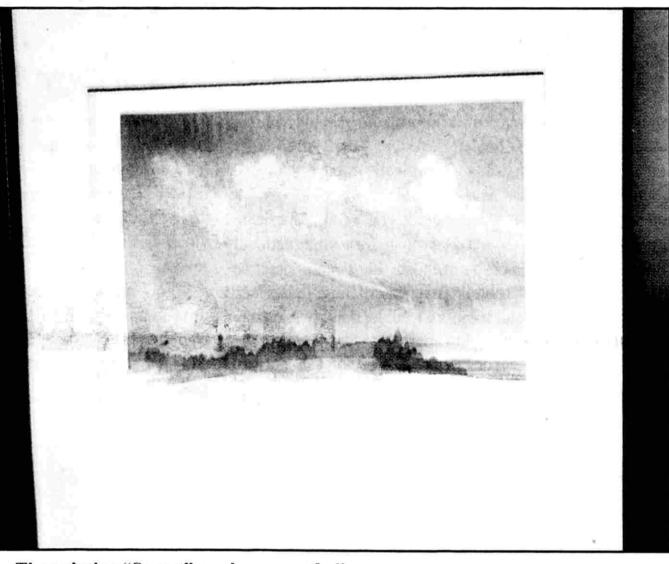
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About half of all expectant mothers will develop lower back pain some time during their pregnancy. With Recommended tips: the average weight gain of 25 to 30lbs, you will find your center of gravity shifting and causing additional stress on your lower back. Many women have found relief from their lower back pain and have had easier deliveries by receiving chiropractic care throughout their pregnancy. Scientific studies have found that spinal manipulation carries no increased risk to the mother or baby. Chiropractic care is also helpful after delivery as your body starts to tighten up those loose ligaments that developed during your pregnancy.

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The day your first child is born...

by Emma Palova

The mysterious acrylic mentor David Davis, Pipe painting "Sara Moon" by likes doing assemblage. Deb Pipe evokes feelings of serenity on a starry night.

Deb Pipe

Sara's head is made of "And creates historical glued-on fishing lures. Pipe documentation skillfully combines painter's area." flair with a craftsman's touch.

Pipe is now available for of Flat River and antique viewing at the Riverwalk buttons. Gallery.

the moon," said Pipe about used coppery strapping the acrylic. "It looks like she and a cow hide; for the has a little secret."

Pipe has skillfully pieced together electrical cords from antique irons "Through the Door." together with silver spoons, resembling a barn, tempts rattles, glass pendants, skewers and netting to create cracks and discover the a calm underwater scene.

Sometimes Pipe just grabs an old box or a brick from the backyard, sees something in it, and then makes it happen.

"I have to use everything," she said.

That's how Pipe created an entire series of brick men or characters made from old bricks. So now, she has the "Town Crier," the "Baker," the "Butcher," and the "Candlestick Maker."

One day, she bought a box of rusty springs at the Trufant Flea Market and turned into a spring garden.

"I am inspired by nature," she said. "Ideas spring in my mind."

Much like her late arts

Featured Artist

"She takes things that relate to the area," said But most interestingly, Davis in his last interview. of the

The "Imagine" assemblage contains pieces The first ever show for of pottery collected out

Pipe made drums out "She makes me think of of wooden cylinders. She drumsticks she used wooden bobbins.

> Her biggest piece us to look through the past.

Deb Pipe combines art with craft. "I am going to keep on held March 30 from 2 to 5 doing this because it is so p.m. The show runs through much fun," she said Artist reception will be

April 30.





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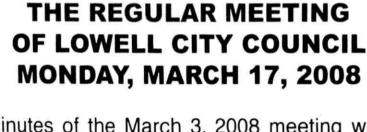
Invitations back in 7-10 days.

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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF

Minutes of the March 3, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

Alto Elementary Third Grade Girl Scout Troop 2991 and Troup Leader Judy Thompson stated the Girl Scout Pledge and thanked Lowell for their continued support. They also explained their "Make the World a Better Place" program and presented the Mayor, Councilmembers and staff with boxes of Girl Scout Cookies.

The following actions were taken:

Motion to approve the Light and Power Procurement Policy as presented. Yea: 3. (Councilmembers Hodges, Pfaller and Mavor Shores). Nay: 2. (Councilmembers Altoft and Ellison). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the applications for temporary authorization to the Liquor Control Commission for the Flat River Grill and Lowell High School Class of 1988 reunion, Summer Concert Services and the Riverwalk Festival on the Lowell Showboat.

Motion to approve Peerless Midwest to perform the work on well and pump #2 overhaul at the Water Treatment Plant at a cost not to exceed \$25,995.

Motion to direct the City Planning and Parks and Recreation Commissions to include the North Washington City owned property within the prospective Master Plans.

Yea: 4. (Councilmembers Altoft, Ellison, Hodges and Mayor Shores). Nay: 1. (Councilmember Pfaller). Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2008.

Complete minutes will be available after approval on April 7, 2008 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008 PAGE 14



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold Edward **Jones** Serving Individuals Investors Since 1871

SMART MOVES CAN HELP WOMEN ACHIEVE FINANCIAL GOALS

All of us face challenges in our efforts to achieve our long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But if you're a woman, the unfortunate truth is that you may have more hurdles to overcome than a man. However, knowledge is power, and as long as you are aware of what you are up against, you can take steps to boost your chances for success.

What are the special issues facing women? Here are a few to ponder:

 Longer life expectancies than men — No matter when you were born, your life expectancy is going to be longer than that of your male age-group peers. Obviously, these "extra" years of life mean more expenses.

• Lower earnings than men — In 2006, women who worked full time earned, on average, 81 percent of what their male counterparts earned, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In the future, this gap may narrow, because the earnings of younger women entering the work force

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today are very close to those of men. But if you've been in the workforce for many years, there's a good chance that your earnings trail those of your male peers.

• More time out of the workforce — To raise their try to fully fund it each year. families, women spend far more time out of the workforce than men. During those years away, women are not contributing to Social Security, pension plans or 401(k) plans — which means they'll have less retirement savings than men.

These figures may seem somewhat depressing, but they don't have to lead to gloomy results. You can actually do quite a bit to improve your financial fortunes. Consider these suggestions:

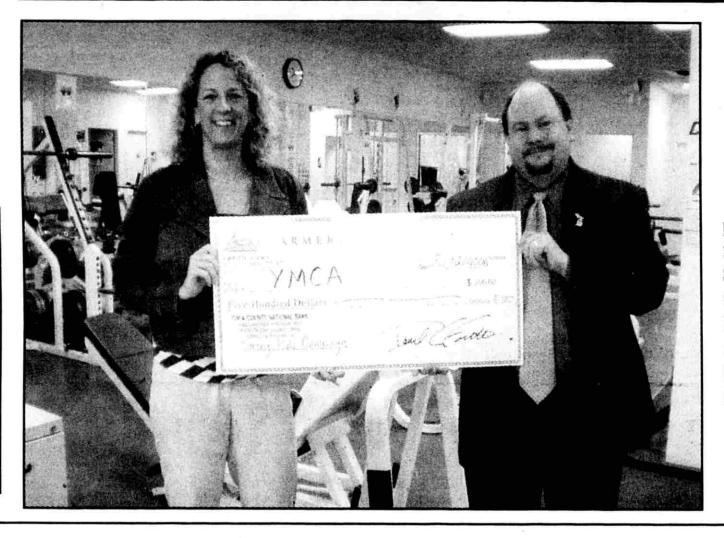
 Take an active interest in your investments. Whether you are single or married, make sure you are familiar with your investment portfolio. Know what you own and why you own it. Work with a financial advisor who understands your goals and risk tolerance and who can help you make the right choices for your individual situation.

• Contribute as much as you can to your retirement of achieving the financial freedom you deserve. plans. Each year, put in as much as you can afford to your

401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And when you get a raise, increase your contributions. Also, if you don't have a traditional or Roth IRA, open one – and

· Invest for growth. Some evidence suggests that women may be more conservative investors than men. But if you're going to achieve your long-term objectives, you'll need to invest for growth. That means you'll need a certain amount of your portfolio devoted to stocks. It's true, of course, that you can lose some - or even all - of your principal in stocks. But if you purchase a variety of quality stocks and hold them for the long term, you may be able to reduce the effects of market volatility and potentially earn a rate of return that can help you make progress toward your objectives.

You may not be able to singlehandedly change the social and institutional forces that can create problems for women striving to achieve their long-term goals. But by becoming an informed, active investor, you can improve your chances



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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education **Regular Meeting of March 10, 2008** STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Tyler Barkacs, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, congratulated the Model UN Team who took first in the competition at Hope College. The OK White League will be integrating athletics and student government to better collaborate and meet the needs of all students. There will be no alternative spring break trip this year due to the current need for 'skilled volunteers' at the Katrina hurricane clean-up sites. The Student Council will look for other 'student volunteer' avenues for a trip next year.

REPORTS

Energy Education Savings

Energy Manager, Jim White, reported that the energy BUDGET UPDATE - John Zielinski reported that the savings for the past 48 months with Energy Education has district budget is right in line for this time of year with tile work, carpeting, doors, new façade and front windows, been \$1,916,902. This is the amount that the district did not revenues and expenditures. The Governor is proposing a new canopy, signage and new lockers. The bid packs #2 have to spend on energy due to the energy program. The \$108 increase in the base foundation, raising it to \$8,541. and #3 are going out this week and these include program was implemented which resulted in behavior The retirement rate did go down a bit. The unknown construction involving a new parking lot at the west end of changes, training, and reductions in equipment run times. economy and the decline in home values will have an the high school. The bid pack #3 includes a new roof at Thanks to all employees and students who have made this impact on the state budget. The district refunded bonds and Bushnell Elementary. savings happen. The projected savings to the district by the savings came in at \$247,000 over the \$215,000 year 2013 is \$6.1 million dollars. Total expenses to Energy previously projected. The Business Office is investigating Education is \$387,222 which is a \$1,529,680 net savings. new copy machines for the district and is currently looking Due to the savings in these dollars the district has been able at a savings in copy costs with more office efficiency. This to increase curriculum enhancements.

ACTION ITEMS -

The Board accepted the following gifts:

- Tileworks donation of parts for the school's gas grill valued at \$395 to be used for the football team fund raisers.
- \$688 to be used by the WLHS Radio Station.
- Sara Guile donation of baby, infant, and adult program
- Math Department through the LHS Media Center.

software management program in the amount of \$46,197.00 Approved the purchase of a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado work truck in the amount of \$21,075.00 from Good Chevrolet CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

- February 11, 2008 Meeting and Closed Session minutes, February 25, 2008 Special Meeting minutes. and the February 25, 2008 Board Workshop minutes The following payment of bills for February 2008:
- GENERAL FUND. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND A. Food Service Fund. .\$75.360.65
- B. Athletic Fund .\$1.039.97 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.. .\$32,468.38 2007 Construction Fund ...\$10,222.94

item will come to the Board for approval at an upcoming meeting.

CURRICULUM UPDATE - Roger Bearup reported that this has been an exciting year in the implementation of new curriculum and looking at future planning to increase student learning in this global society. He thanked Jim Beth Hemry donation of 86 vinyl records valued at White for all his efforts with energy conservation which has helped the district to further enhance curriculum. It is Please visit our web page at www.lowellschools.com hoped that the State will soon release the MEAP results so clothing valued at \$400 to be used for the TOTS that he can give a MEAP report at the April Board meeting. The Response To Intervention program piloted at Bushnell Academic Boosters/The Mork Family donation of a Elementary has been very successful and the program will science calculator valued at \$140 to be used by the continue next year with a possible expansion to other

Approved the purchase of the Meal Magic Food Service district elementary schools. A meeting with Dr. Nick Sheltrown from Grand Valley State University was held to discuss a partnership that would look at district data over the past few years. This will help to provide a 'bigger picture' in a visual display in regards to where the district needs to head for the future. A big thanks to the Lowell Area Community Fund for a grant to support NovaNet, a credit recovery program for students.

...\$1,283,148.78 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt reported on bond technology projects. The plans include a fiber connection to Alto Elementary. Servers will be reconfigured to allow for increased speed. It is projected that each classroom next year will have a projector that will be hardwired to the computer. Larry Mikulski then reported on the projects at the middle school including a new roof,

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop - Monday, March 24, 2008 - 6:00 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

Regular Board Meeting -Monday, April 21, 2008 - 7:00 p.m. (3rd Monday due to Spring Break) Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

Funds for the YMCA

Staci Messersmith is pictured receiving a check for \$500 for the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign from Dave Emmette of Farmers Insurance. The money will help support families and children in the Lowell Community.

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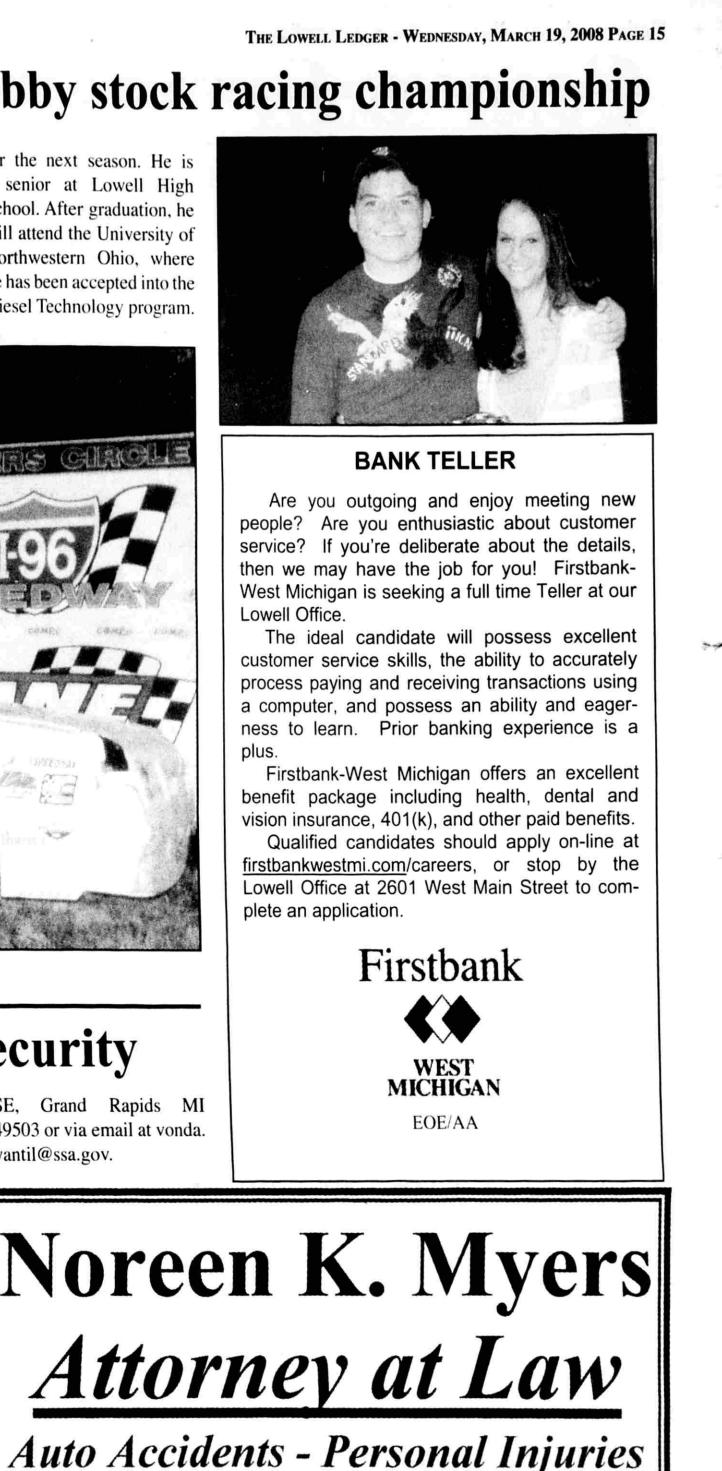
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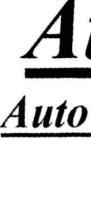
children under age 18 get Social Security benefits be almost twice as many as survivors of deceased workers, or as the children of people receiving retirement or disability benefits.

6. Approximately 442 million Social Security 3. About 70 percent numbers have been issued since 1936 - but there are approximately 1 billion possible Social Security

8. By 2032, there will older Americans as today growing from 38 million today to 72 million.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College







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MARCH/APRIL

Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson, from 7-11 a.m. Cost is winter fest and ice cream social from 6:30-8 p.m. Comdonations at the door.

SAT., MAR. 22: Masonic Lodge #355, serving Belding, Ionia, & Lowell will exemplify the Entered Apprentice Schneider Manor activity room. Program: Betty Yeiter, Degree in the Lodge Room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding, beginning at 10 a.m. All Master Masons may attend.

SAT., MAR. 22: Masonic Lodge #355, serving Belding, Ionia, & Lowell will host a "Texas Hold'em Tournament" in the dining room of the temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Registration begins at 5 p.m., first card dealt at 6 p.m. You must be 18. Pre-registration, call John Fossler, 616-374-7762.

MONDAYS

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160. Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

Women for Sobriety, 7-8 p.m. Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 84th & Alden Nash. Call Sue 868-6219; www.womenforsobriety.org.

1ST MON.: Regular communication of Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, 7:30 p.m. 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

1ST MON .: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. 7 p.m.

1ST MON .: Lowell Area Juggling Club, Community room, Englehardt Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 12/older. 897-9879, www.freewebs.com/lowelljugglingclub.

2ND MON .: Lowell Board of Education, 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

2ND MON .: Alto American Legion Post 528 Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m.

2ND MON .: Bowne Township Historical Society meets Oct. - March 10 a.m. & April - Sept. 7 p.m. at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

2ND & 4TH MON: Needlers, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Schneider register or for information, 987-2532. Manor Community Room.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meetings held 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, Fellowship Hall at Church of the Nazarene, N. Washington St. at 7 p.m.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

MON., TUES., THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. Call 987-9533 for appt./ open Mon. 11 a.m. -5 p.m.; Tu. 6-9 p.m., Th.10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula and clothing.

TUESDAYS

Thornapple River Chapter BNI professional networking group, 7-8:30 a.m., Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd., www.ThornappleRiverBNI.com or call Cheryl 868-7551.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

AA meeting, Back to Basics, closed, at 865 Lincoln Lake 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

Thornapple River Chapter BNI professional networking group, 7-8:30 a.m. Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd. Cheryl 868-7551, www.ThornappleRiverBNI.com.

Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church 621 E. Main St. 6:30 p.m. Call Bruce Doll, cubmaster at 304-0082.

Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery/preschool story NW, GR. Dorothy 897-9794. hour/craft time 9:45 - 11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m.Calvary Christian Reformed Church. 897-7060 or 897-7555.

1ST TUES .: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

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SAT., MAR. 22: Pancake breakfast at Look Memorial THUR., MAR. 27: Cherry Creek Elementary is hosting a munity is invited.

> THUR., APR. 3: Vergennes Co-op club will meet at trip to Russia. All welcome.

MON., APR. 7: Masonic Lodge #355, serving the Belding, Ionia and Lowell areas wil hold its regular communication beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding, A special spaghetti dinner and award ceremony, by Doric Chapter #75, will precede the meeeting beginning at 6 p.m. in the dining room. All Master Masons and their families may attend.

TUESDAYS

Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell Lions Club, 12 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, 897-5449 for information.

2ND TUES .: Diabetic Support, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor

2ND TUES .: Doric chapter #75. Order of Eastern Star 6:30 dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting. 211 E Main, Belding.

2ND TUES .: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/7 program Olga -975-9977/June 231-780-1249.

2ND & 3RD TUES .: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.gua-ke-zik.org.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers (conception through Kindergarten) 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church. 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304, ext 311.

2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

3RD TUES .: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588. No cost.

TUES., WED., THURS.: LAS Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, Tots activity room 104, 300 High St. 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. or 10:45 - 11:45 a.m., through the school year. Call Kathy to

WEDNESDAYS

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

Rotary meets at noon at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

ALANON: Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. (Use west entrance off Jackson St.), 8 p.m. 897-5936.

Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

1ST WED.: Free blood pressure screenings at Lowell Senior Neighbors provided by The Laurels of Kent.

1ST WED .: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore. 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

2ND WED .: Lowell Area Trailway, 6 p.m. alternate locations. Call Mari Stone 897-5671 or www.lowellareatrailway.org.

2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

2ND WED .: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73, 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m.

2ND WED .: Lowell Women's Club, 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED .: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr.

3RD WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th SE 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

3RD WED .: Alzheimer's Assoc. of West Mich. support group at Fountain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, 1 p.m. 897-8413. 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104.

FRI., SAT. & SUN .: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. 676-9346.

SUN .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league,

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. and Sun.1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3: 5-17 \$1.50; members are free. Call 897-7688.

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ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY : Mon.- Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

ALTO LIBRARY: Mon. & Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m. 647-3820.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues.- Fri.: 12-6 p.m. Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon. Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./ Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed.- Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11535 Fulton St. E. Call 897-8567. Pantry 897-8260.

THURSDAYS

897-5981.

Rapids.

information.

2700 E. Fulton.

Library at 2 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

p.m. Call 897-7842.

Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman,

Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30

St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 897-9393.

Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. 987-9533, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing. Or by appointment.

1ST THURS .: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand

1ST & 3RD THURS .: Alto Lions Club meets at United Methodist Church in Alto at 7 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS .: Bible Study at Voyages Coffee Shop, 7 p.m. www.SimpleChurchLowell.com.

1ST & 3RD THURS .: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of Alto, 6077 Linfield, 868-6371.

2ND & 4TH THURS .: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walkins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more

2ND THURS .: N.A.R.F.E., 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church,

2ND THURS .: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at

2ND THURS .: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto

3RD THURS .: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center, Call 897-7842.

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

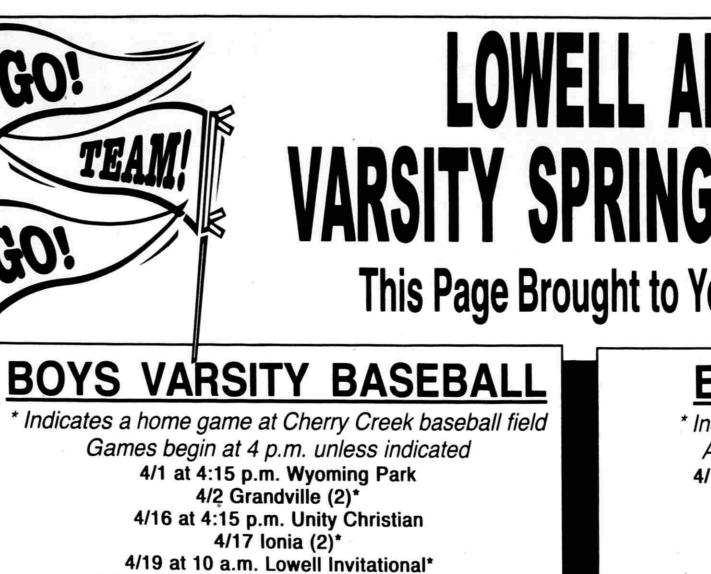
1ST & 3RD FRI .: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens/teen moms, 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson, 897-8304.

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers, Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30-12:30 p.m. Call Pat at 897-7842.

1ST SAT .: Come have coffee with the city council, 8-10 a.m. at Chamber office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

2ND SAT .: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

2ND SAT .: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.



4/21 at 4:15 p.m. Thornapple Kellogg (2)* 4/23 Greenville* 4/25 Caledonia (2) 4/26 at 10 a.m. Hamilton Tournament 4/28 at 4:15 p.m. Cedar Springs (2)* 4/30 Kenowa Hills 5/2 at 4:15 p.m. Northview (2) 5/5 East Grand Rapids* 5/7 Greenville 5/9 FHC (2)* 5/14 Kenowa Hills* 5/15 at 4:30 p.m. East Grand Rapids 5/19 Forest Hills Eastern* 5/20 Lakewood (2) 5/22 at 4:15 p.m. Portland (2)*

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

* Indicates a home game at Cherry Creek softball field Games begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated 4/1 at 4:15 p.m. Wyoming Park 4/16 at 4:15 p.m. Unity Christian 4/17 Ionia (2)* 4/19 at 10 a.m. East Kentwood Tournament 4/21 at 4:15 p.m. Thornapple Kellogg (2)* 4/23 Greenville* 4/25 Caledonia (2) 4/26 at 9 a.m. Hamilton Tournament (3) 4/28 at 4:15 p.m. Cedar Springs (2)* 4/29 at 4:15 p.m. GR Christian* 4/30 at Kenowa Hills 5/2 at 4:15 p.m. Northview (2) 5/5 East Grand Rapids* 5/7 at Greenville 5/9 FHC (2)* 5/12 at 4:15 p.m. at Hudsonville (2) 5/13 at East Grand Rapids 5/14 Kenowa Hills* 5/15 at Lakewood (2) 5/19 Forest Hills Eastern* 5/20 Mandy Tichelaar Memorial Tournament*

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK

* Indicates a home meet at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium Games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated 3/24 time TBA (boys) GVSU Meet 3/25 time TBA (girls) GVSU Meet 4/17 at Caledonia 4/19 at 9 a.m. Hastings Relays 4/22 Forest Hills Central* 4/24 at Northview 4/29 Kenowa Hills* 5/1 at East Grand Rapids 5/3 at 9 a.m. Kathy Talus - Lowell Invitational* 5/6 Greenville* 5/8 & 5/9 time TBA Conference at Caledonia

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3/22 Time TBA, FHC Indoor ERG Regatta 4/19 Time TBA, Inv. Regatta, Riverside Park 4/26 Time TBA, Quad (Hackett/EGR/NV) 5/3 Time TBA, W. Michigan Champ., Riverside Park 5/10 & 5/11 Time TBA, Midwest Champ. 5/17 Time TBA, State Rowing Champ., Milford 5/24 & 5/25 Time TBA, SRRA Champ. 5/30, 5/31 & 6/1 Time TBA, CSSRA Champ.



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BOYS VARSITY GOLF

* Indicates a home meet at Deer Run Golf Course. All meets begin at 3:30 p.m. unless indicated. 4/14 at 10 a.m. Kent County Invitational at Railside 4/17 Calvin Christian* 4/19 at 11 a.m. Lowell Invitational* 4/23 Greenville* 4/30 at Caledonia 5/5 Forest Hills Central* 5/7 at Northview 5/8 at Forest Hills Eastern 5/12 Kenowa Hills 5/14 at East Grand Rapids 5/19 time TBA Conference at Thornapple Pointe

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium. Games begin at 6:45 p.m. unless indicated. 3/25 at 7 p.m. at Rockford 3/27 Thornapple Kellogg* 3/31 Mona Shores* 4/18 at Wyoming Park 4/21 Greenville* 4/23 Reeths Puffer* 4/24 at Fruitport 4/28 at Caledonia 4/30 Forest Hills Central* 5/1 Forest Hills Eastern 5/5 at Northview 5/7 Kenowa Hills* 5/9 at 5:45 p.m. at Catholic Central 5/12 at 7:15 p.m. at East Grand Rapids 5/14 OK White Tournament' 5/15 at Cedar Springs 5/19 OK White Tournament 5/21 OK White Tournament

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

* Indicates a home game at LHS tennis courts Games begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated 3/29 at 9 a.m. Fruitport Invitational 3/31 at Thornapple Kellogg 4/16 Greenville* 4/17 at East Kentwood 4/19 at 9 a.m. Lowell Invitational* 4/21 NorthPointe Christian 4/23 at Caledonia 4/26 at 9 a.m. Big Rapids Invitational 4/28 Forest Hills Central* 4/30 at Northview 5/3 at 9 a.m. Northview Tournament 5/5 Kenowa Hills* 5/7 at East Grand Rapids 5/10 at 9 a.m. Conference* 5/13 Lakewood*

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

* Indicates a home game at LHS Lacrosse Field (next to tennis courts) Games begin at 5:30 p.m. unless indicated 3/25 p.m. Catholic Central* 3/27 at 7 p.m. at Grand Haven 4/1 at 7 p.m. at Holland Christian 4/3 Northview 4/16 East Lansing High School* 4/17 at 5 p.m. at Zeeland West High School 4/19 at 5 p.m. at Red Arrow Stadium, Holland* 4/22 Caledonia* 4/24 at Catholic Central 4/29 Grand Haven' 5/1 Holland Christian* 5/6 at 7 p.m. at Northview 5/8 at 7 p.m. at Forest Hills Eastern 5/13 Zeeland* 5/15 at Caledonia





Receiving the State FFA degree from Lowell were (first row, L-R): Briana Buck, Harden, Kendra Merriman April Wolf and Leara Glinzak. (Second row, L-R): Katelin Schramm, Blake Zigmont and Jim Crosby. Not pictured are Tim Harden and Jennifer Humphries.

held convention was March 5-7 at Michigan school members had to State University. Thirty demonstrate that they could to the student's interest in FFA members from Lowell run a meeting using correct agriculture. These projects attended in order to compete parliamentary procedure. can range from fair animals in the state leadership The team received a bronze to jobs to community contests or receive awards.

Lowell competed in three of the state FFA leadership contests are designed to help the students build teamwork knowledge of a broad topic the project, or a combination and communication skills area. Students select the of the two. in order to make them better topic area and at the contest leaders and more prepared draw a specific question to award was given to six for the future.

Clover, Sarah Crosby, Christina Folkersma, Mark five-minute speech. and Emma Roderick competed in the junior high

In this contest, these middle the FFA award.

presentation on the pros and Brandon Thomas. cons of horse slaughter. The a short skit.

association can be tow upon one of its members.

the award were Brianna being active in the FFA. Buck, Jim Crosby, Leara Blake Zigmont.

Agricultural information learned in the agriscience classes with the

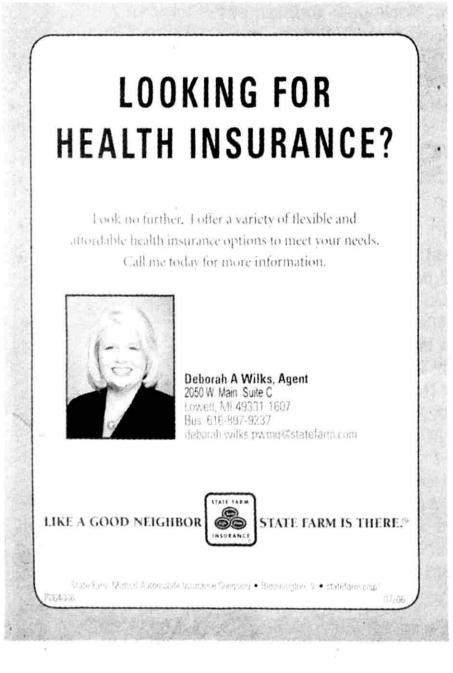


Michigan FFA

Blake Zigmont (left) received a silver for ag. mechanics and Jim Crosby received a gold for poultry production in the State Proficiency awards.



The junior high team (first row, L-R): Sarah Crosby, Mark Harden and Kayla Blough. (Second row, L-R): Christina Folkersma, Kendra Merriman, Caitlin Clover and Emma Roderick.

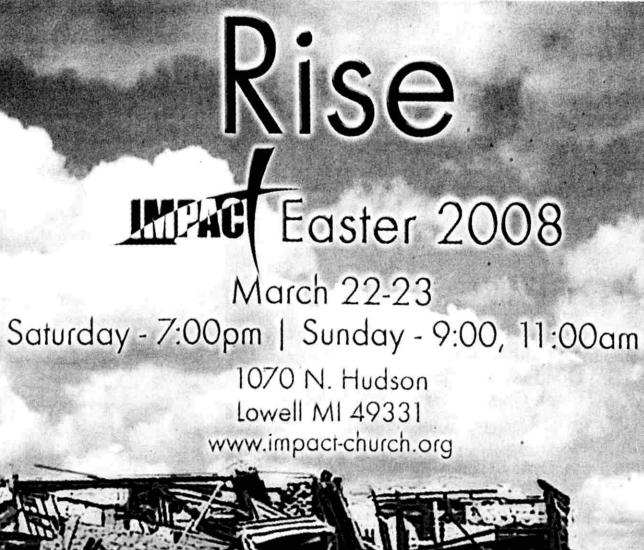




(L-R): Kari Bergy, Mary Walsh, Mackenzie Roerig, degree. The State FFA degree award in agricultural Emma Bencker, Sara Fosburg and Kelsey Langlois is the highest award that the mechanics. received a gold award for ag. issues.



Ian Blodger received a silver award in extemporaneous public speaking





chapter award promoting agriculture at the student, chapter and

The Lowell FFA was also recognized in the Food for America program and the Building our Michigan Communities area, with both projects working with elementary students.

community levels.

FFA conduct of meetings contest. leadership experiences in

The SAE is tailored service activities. In order to In the extemporaneous qualify for the state degree, public speaking contest, Ian the student has to document leadership contests. The Blodger received a silver that they have either earned award. Extemporaneous \$2,000 from their project, speaking tests the student's spent at least 450 hours on

The outstanding junior write their speech about. students from Lowell. Kayla Blough, Caitlin After a half-hour prep time, The requirements for the the students present their outstanding junior award are similar to the state The agriculture issues degree but with lower team of Emma Bencker, Kari numbers. Students receiving Bergy, Sara Fosburg, Kelsey the award from Lowell Langlois, Mackenzie Roerig were Ian Blodger, Mike and Mary Walsh received Clover, Sheryl Huber, Cody a gold award for their Kastanek, Katie Sefton and

The individual honors ag. issues contest requires continued with Jim Crosby members to research both and Blake Zigmont sides of an issue and present being recognized with it in an interesting manner as state proficiency awards. The proficiency awards Lowell also had recognize those students several members receiving with outstanding agricultural individual recognition at the projects. Jim received a gold convention. Eight members award in poultry production received their State FFA and Blake received a silver

Brianna Buck, Jim Crosby, Leara Glinzak, Of the over 5,000 Heather Walendzik and April members in the Michigan Wolf were also named in FFA, only 320 were chosen the scholarship recognition to receive the award. The program. These seniors Lowell students receiving maintained a 3.3 GPA while

Lowell was also Glinzak, Tim Harden, represented in the State Jennifer Humphries, Katelin FFA band. Mike Clover and Schramm, April Wolf and RachelFolkersmaauditioned and were chosen to perform In order to be considered in front of over 1,500 at the for the State degree, students convention sessions held have to show that they have at the Wharton Center. In worked on a Supervised addition to performing, Experience Folkersma was asked to (SAE) and have been active audition for the national FFA in the FFA. A student's band that performs at the SAE project combines the convention in Indianapolis this October.

The Lowell FFA chapter was honored as one of the top chapters in the state with a gold in the national chapter recognition program. Only 13 chapters in Michigan were awarded the gold level and the Lowell chapter was one of 11 applications forwarded to the national level for judging. The national recognizes chapters that do an exceptional job of developing leadership and

Buist, 16, is a junior at LHS and was named to the all-conference competitive cheer team. She is the daughter of Terry Buist and Joan Harriman. Besides

Brett McMahon. Honorable mentions were: Mike Lowell has once again Schumm and Tim Hettinga.

SPORTS

Red Arrow

The skiing team also conference nods from the had a pair, with brothersister duo Cory Hagerman athletes were named to the and Samantha Hagerman. The gymnastics team

recognized with at least one had one student with Richelle Kimble. Honorable The two bowling teams mention was Kelsey Teft.

The girls' basketball students: Tommy Alberts, team also had one student with Chelsea Harrison. Honorable mention was Kara Rasch.

The hockey team had one student on the list from The wrestling team also Lowell, with Justin Story. had a number of students, Tim Kelly and Jordan Steger with four: Justin Boss, Ryan of Caledonia also made the Dean, Jackson Morse and list. Honorable mentions were Drake Chittenden from The cheer team had Lowell, and Jon Kuzava two students named to and Corey Phillips from the list, Theresa Buist and Caledonia.

Curious what these The boys' basketball athletes are like? Keep team also had two students reading ...

TOMMY ALBERTS

on the list, Matt Kurtz and

by Molly Benningfield

earned a number of all-

OK-White, as 20 student

list. All nine sports were

were represented by seven

Kristin Bouwhuis, Liberty

Clark, Sam Geldersma,

Brandon Jahnke, Ashley

Nawrocki and Trevor

Editor

student.

Washburn.

Ryan Olep.

MacKenzie Conley.

Alberts, 17, is a junior at Lowell High School and was named to the allconference bowling team. He is the son of Tom and Julie Alberts. Besides bowling, Alberts also plays football and golfs, and is in the Business Professionals of America. Alberts plans to go to college and find " a successful career, which I'm hoping involves athletics."

—JUSTIN BOSS— Boss is a senior at LHS and was named to the allconference wrestling team. Besides wrestling, Boss also was on the cross-country team this fall. Boss was a strong leader and great wrestler on the team this year, with a 29-6 record overall, and a state championship at 152 pounds.

KRISTIN BOUWHUIS

Bouwhuis, 15, is a sophomore at LHS and was named to the all-conference bowling team, as well. She is the daughter of Rich and Renay Bouwhuis. Besides 2nd grade. bowling, Bouwhuis was also part of the Model UN in school. She would like to go to college to become a second grade teacher.

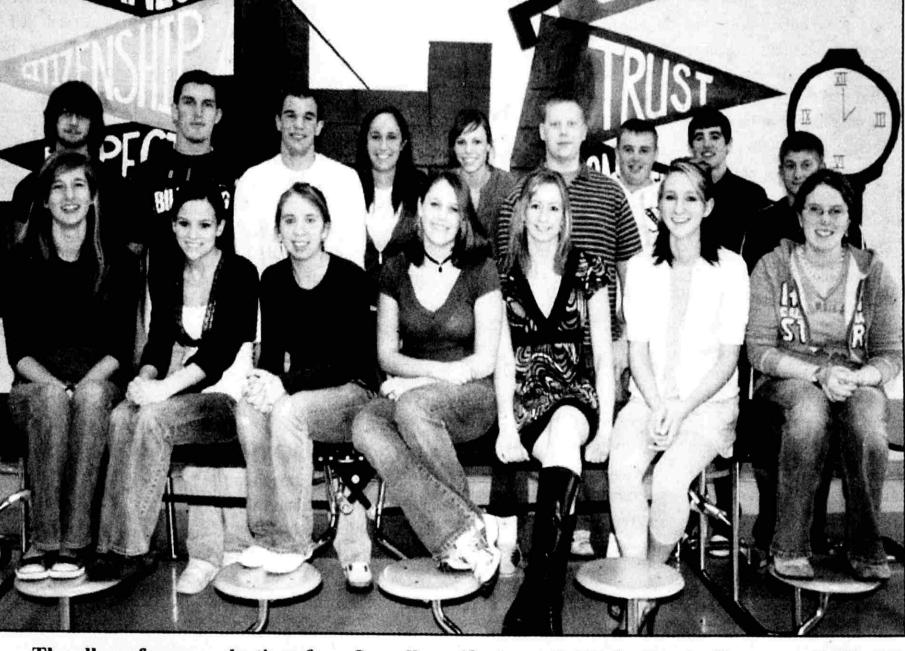
-THERESA BUIST-

competitive cheer, Buist also a fall cheerleader, part of the Homecoming powderpuff team, plays the flute in band and tutors in math and science. Buist would like to go to the University of Michigan or Ferris State University to become a doctor pharmacology. She said that she might continue cheering in college, depending on her class schedule.

-LIBERTY CLARK-Clark, 16, is a junior at LHS and was named to the all-conference bowling team. She is the daughter He is the son of Kay and Tom of Chris and Jennifer Clark. Besides bowling, Clark is Dean is also on the baseball also on the golf team and a part of the ladies varsity would like to go to a trade club. Clark would like to go school and get a job. Dean to Davenport University for was an important member two years to get her main of the team, wrestling at the classes done on a bowling tough weight class of 125 scholarship. She'd then like and getting big numbers for to transfer to either Adrian College, Aquinas College or Cornerstone University to get a teaching degree. freshman at LHS and was Ultimately, she would like to teach kindergarten through

MACKENZIE -----CONLEY

Conley, 17, is a senior at LHS and was named to the all-conference cheer team. She is the daughter of Terri and Bill Adams. Besides competitive cheer, Conley is also a fall cheerleader and part of the LHS concert band. She is in her third year of French classes, and



The all-conference selections from Lowell are (first row, L-R): Samantha Hagerman (skiing), Theresa Buist (competitive cheer), MacKenzie Conley (competitive cheer), Kristin Bouwhuis (bowling), Ashley Nawrocki (bowling), Sam Geldersma (bowling), and Liberty Clark (bowling). (Second row, L-R): Cory Hagerman (skiing), Justin Story (hockey), Matt Kurtz (basketball), Chelsea Harrison (basketball), Richelle Kimble (gymnastics), Trevor Washburn (bowling), Brandon Jahnke (bowling), Brett McMahon (basketball), and Ryan Dean (wrestling). Missing from the photo are: Tommy Alberts (bowling), Justin Boss (wrestling), Jackson Morse (wrestling), and Ryan Olep (wrestling).

plans to travel to Europe this summer with her class. After she graduates in May, Conley plans to attend Central Michigan University to study biology. This spring, she will be trying out for the cheer team at CMU, with "high hopes to continue my cheerleading career."

--- RYAN DEAN ----

Dean, a junior at LHS was named to the allconference wrestling team. Dean. Besides wrestling. team. After high school, he

SAM GELDERSMA

the Arrows

Geldersma, 15, is a named to the all-conference bowling team. She is the daughter of Ron and Diane Geldersma. Besides bowling, Geldersma is also in marching band with the flag section. She plans to go to a college with either a bowling team or track and field team. She's looking to get into the medical field. but not sure about which part. Geldersma contributed often for the Arrows with high scores.

CORY HAGERMAN

Hagerman, 18, is senior at LHS and was named to the all-conference skiing team. He is the son of Marc and Jaimie Hagerman. Besides skiing, Hagerman is also on the rugby team. He would like to go to college and continue on with skiing.

SAMANTHA HAGERMAN

Hagerman, 16, is sophomore at LHS and was named to the all-conference skiing team. She is the daughter of Marc and Jaimie Hagerman. Besides skiing. Hagerman is also on the crew team, the international



OK-White all-conference names 20 athletes from Lowell

after graduating, and will probably continue on in her athletic fields, but "maybe not as competitively."

CHELSEA HARRISON

Harrison, 18, is a senior at LHS and was named to the all-conference basketball team. She is the daughter of Bill and Missy Harrison. Besides basketball, Harrison is also on the soccer team. in the Rotary club, National Honor Society, Lady Arrows varsity club and

club, the environmental student council. She plans club, and plays trumpet in to attend Hillsdale College the symphonic band. She on a basketball scholarship would like to go to college next year. She would like to major in business. Harrison was heart of the team, contributing in all aspects on the court and often leading all scores with game-high numbers like 32 points against East Kentwood.

BRANDON JAHNKE

Jahnke, 18, is a senior at LHS and was named to the all-conference bowling team. He is the son of Richard Jahnke and Kristi Mersman. Besides bowling All-conference, cont'd.

Red Arrow SPORTS

All-Conference selections continued... From Page 19

baseball said he is either going to vaulting. Kimble was strong attend Saginaw Valley all-around, exceling in vault, State University or Grand but also contributing high Valley State University scores for beam, floor and after graduating to be on the bars. bowling team. Jahnke was --- MATT KURTZ---a state individual qualifier, taking 16th in the boys' finals.

but she plans to go to college smothering defense.

Jahnke also plays football, after graduating and would and tennis. He like to continue with pole-

Kurtz, 18, is a senior at LHS and was named to the all-conference basketball **RICHELLE KIMBLE** team. He is the son of Kimble, 16, is a junior Jeff and Debbie Kurtz. at LHS and was named to the Besides basketball, Kurtz all-conference gymnastics participated in two years of team. She is the daughter football. He plans to attend of Lori and Brian Kimble. college after graduating Besides gymnastics, Kimble in May, but is unsure of is on the track team, in where he will go. He would the varsity club, Business like to go into the field of Professionals of America education. Kurtz was the and the international club. go-to man on the team, with She is undecided on where, a strong shooting range and

BRETT MCMAHON

McMahon, 17, is a senior at LHS and was named to the all-conference basketball team. He is the son of Mike and Pam McMahon. Besides basketball; McMahon also plays tennis and is in the scoring.

JACKSON MORSE

Morse is a sophomore at LHS and was named to at LHS and was named to the all-conference wrestling the all-conference wrestling

state championship at 140 pounds under his belt.

ASHLEY NAWROCKI

Nawrocki, 17, is a senior National Honor Society. He at LHS and was named to plans on attending Central the all-conference bowling Michigan University in the team. She is the daughter of fall, and said he would like Cheryl and Steve Nawrocki. to try to walk on the tennis Besides bowling, Nawrocki team, "as ridiculous as it also plays softball. She sounds." McMahon was a plans to attend Grand Rapids strong offensive player for Community College after the Arrows this year, often graduating to "get the basics acheiving double figures in done." Nawrocki often led the team with high scores.

---- RYAN OLEP---

Olep, 16, is a sophomore team. Morse was a huge team. He is the son of Deana

asset on an already-stellar Campbell and Eric Olep. plays football and lacrosse, wrestling team this year, Besides wrestling, Olep and is in the Rotary club. with a 37-2 record and a also plays football and was He plans to attend Central part of the varsity team Michigan University next this fall. He plans to go to year and will possibly play a Division 1 college and hockey there. Story was wrestle. One day, he would an important presence on like to "be a NCAA national the Arrow team's offense, champ." Olep was a strong wrestler for the Arrows this Wayland and contributing year at 160 pounds, getting all over. key wins for team as only a sophomore and wrestling his way to a second place finish at the individual state championship.

-JUSTIN STORY-

Story, 18, is a senior at LHS and was named to the all-conference hockey team. He is the son of Deb and Bobb Story. Besides hockey, Story also runs track and cross country, and

Winter sports season brings ups and downs for LHS athletes

by Molly Benningfield Editor

Gymnastics sends team to regionals, will return for a strong season

the whole team.

The Arrows did just they could do." that - sending the whole

in the sport, which makes a powerhouse in high school good gymnast even better. gymnastics. Making it to Regionals as a team was an outstanding moment at Regionals as one accomplishment."

"several key moments that say that the ending moment defined the season." She of the season when all of At the beginning of the pointed out the St. John's the gymnasts came together gymnastics season, coach Invitational in the middle of with tons of injuries to Skye Fisher said she hoped the season that the team won make the gymnastics season to see most of her gymnasts and helped the gymnasts complete, with a good day through to Regionals, if not "realize that their potential at Regionals, despite the is beyond what they thought obstacles involved."

team to the Regional meet at matches of the season was Fisher is looking forward to Rockford and seeing junior the Quad meet held at LHS, a "well-put together team of beginning of the season, two primary goals they set of moving to Tier 2 next finals with her vault scores. Hills and Mona Shores. The experience of competing Hudsonville and Rockford. "We won Tier 3 and will they will be missing the "My team did a fantastic gymnasts posted a score of under their belt. The season



Fisher also noted the of the best times the team Fisher said there were had. "I would also have to

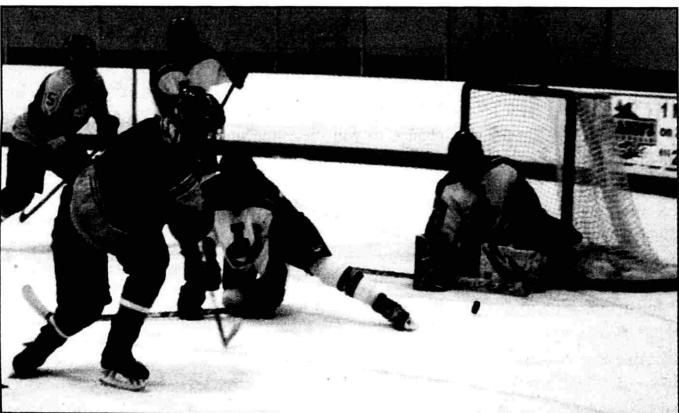
The team will return Another one of the best many of its gymnasts, and career.'

> The graduate "truly miss Aubrey, who the rest of the way." came to gymnastics with with a smile."

Hockey wins Tier 3 championship, moves to Tier 2 next season

The Lowell-Caledonia earlier in the season 5-2. hockey team had a rough start to the season, missing happy with how the team two key players during the 'performed this year. "The first six games of the season. team, in many ways, more But once the team was than met the expectations. whole, they were virtually This season's team was a unstoppable.

main losses coming in the accomplished one of their



Richelle Kimble on to State with Forest Hills, Kenowa gymnasts who all have the and to tough teams like at the start of the season;" Ballard said. But

iob this season," Fisher said. 132.20, and only fell short of should be close to one of the said, "Early in the season season, and though we did of the nine seniors we will "They truly had their hearts Mona Shores, a traditional best ones in my coaching we had players out of the not accomplish the second be graduating, but we do lineup (various players over [goal] - defeating Rockford return a solid defense and Arrows will the first six games), and we in Regionals - I am very goaltending units." two seniors, were 1-5. Once all players proud of the team's effort." Aubrey Dee and Olivia returned, the lineup was Brueker. Fisher said she will solidified and we went 15-5 forward to the challenge

Some of their best such talent and drive, and matches of the season came Olivia, who is a girl that against West Ottawa, who worked through some rough the Arrows defeated in the injuries but came out on top final regular game of the season, 9-2.

> "We believed [it] was going to be tight, and we won convincingly," Ballard said. They also beat West Ottawa, who came in second after the Arrows in Tier 3,

Ballard said he was very true team, with all working The team was 16-10 together and no cliques." for the season, with their He said they

Coach Mike Ballard be moving up to Tier 2 next "offensive power and skill The team is "looking

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TREVOR WASHBURN Washburn, 17, is a junior at LHS and was named to the all-conference bowling team. He is the son of Joyce and Jeff Washburn. Besides bowling, he also plays rugby and golfs. Washburn was an

important member of the

team, racking up points for

scoring three goals against

the Arrows.

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SPORTS Winter sports season continued ... From Page 20

Red Arrow

Boys' basketball takes second in **OK-White**

The Red Arrows were characterized by their resiliency, their tough attitude on the court and above all, their commitment to the game. The team finished second overall in the conference, but lost a tough match against Rockford in the first round of Districts, halting their post-season goals.

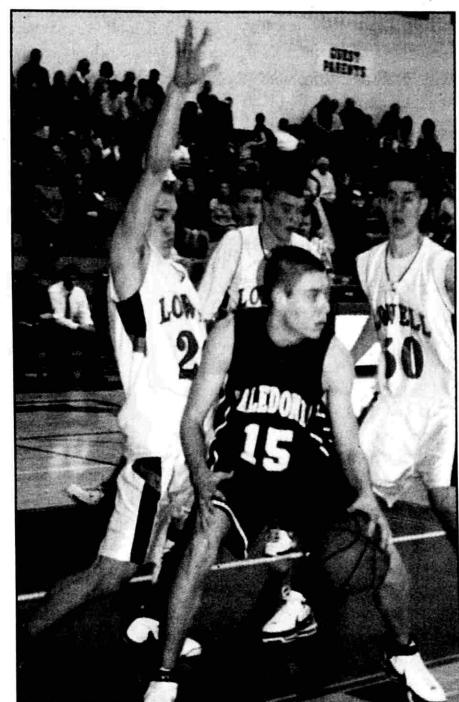
However, coach Jeff McDonald said the team can keep their chins up. "Although we came up short. I know our kids can look themselves in the mirror and know they gave 100 percent."

McDonald said the team set goals for the year. "We always have some basic goals. Play hard every night. Play unselfish every night. Represent ourselves in a first-class manner. Leave a legacy."

morning commitments. "I pursued those goals."

for the season, with some final score was 70-69." great wins and some tough losses. McDonald said some see a lot of rebuilding next Forest Hills Central in Regional finals. Zach Baum, of the wins were outstanding: year. "We lose about 80 December 49-44 in a match Justin Boss, Tim Gingerich, "Greenville, after being percent of our scoring. That's that coach Danielle Gallert Jackson Morse, Ryan Olep down by 13; Lakewood, who always the great challenge called "a full game." The win and Nate Vaught all traveled is a traditional power and has won seven consecutive basketball." Districts; Forest Hills Eastern, overcoming a 16point deficit; and Zeeland West, overcoming a 13- McMahon, Eric Saenz, Mike roster, including Chelsea first place honors during the point deficit." In the league, they swept Kenowa Hills, Northview, Greenville and "huge rival" East Grand Rapids.

With wins great tough losses. comes though. "Certainly it was committed to our program. twice," McDonald said.



"I thought our rally I can't stress enough my against FHC was a defining appreciation for their efforts moment about our team and and attitudes." He also talked about their resiliency. We were the team and their impact on down 20 points heading area vouths in the Saturday into the fourth quarter (56-36) on the road, and had a was happy with how we chance to win the game in team finished 11-9 overall. the last minute as we missed The Arrows were 13-8 a couple of free throws. The conference.

with coaching high school was one of their biggest, as to the Palace of Auburn Hills

The team loses seven later in the season. seniors, including Troy Heffron, Matt Kurtz, Brett a few key players from the Morse, at 140 pounds, took Schumm, Spencer Sellner Harrison, Breanna Bueche, wrestling weekend, while and Bob Wernet.

"We will miss our Fosburg. immensely," seniors McDonald said. "This group of seniors was incredibly unselfish, hard-working and disappointing to lose a They epitomized the word big lead at Caledonia and 'team'. They really love to come up short to FHC the game and made a huge impact on our young kids.

Girls' basketball ends season 11-9

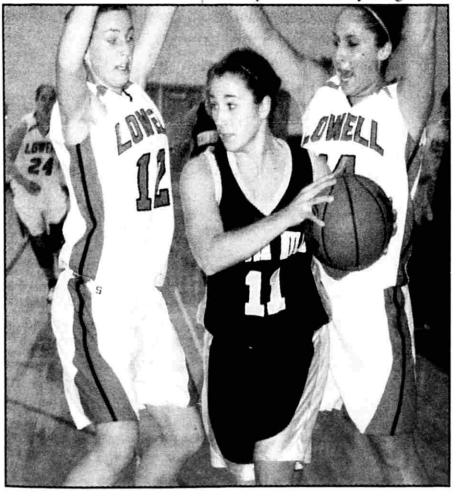
The girls' basketball in a tough OK-White send six of its wrestlers to

McDonald said he will wins in the season, beating their weight class during FHC became league champs for the individual wrestling

The Arrows graduate Mary VanderLaan and Keri Gingerich, at 145 pounds,

The team had a few key all placed in the Top 4 of state finals. Boss, at 152 pounds, and





Cheer team ends with good Round 3 at Regionals

The cheer team didn't make it past a tough field of teams at the Regional competition, but coach Kari Dawson said she was "so proud of the girls' efforts." Two cheerleaders were All-Conference for the OK-White: junior Theresa Buist and senior MacKenzie Conley.

named

Dawson said, "the seniors will be very missed but I have a big number of returners who are already making plans. That season to season."

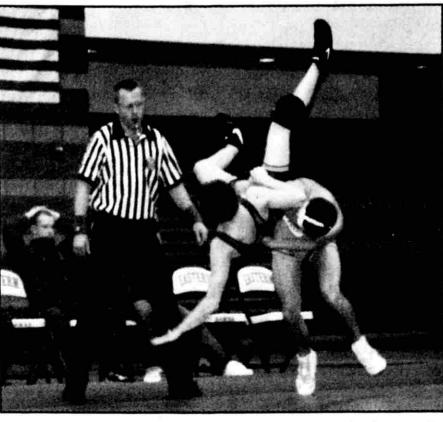
Wrestling team sends six to State

The wrestling team won a District championship at Forest Hills Eastern, but lost in the Regional finals to powerhouse Greenville, who went on to win the State title in Division 2.

They also finished right behind Greenville in the OK-White championship. The team did, however, the State finals after they

and Olep at 160 pounds





each took runner-up titles for the team.

The Arrows will return exciting for me to see the a good team next year, but traditions living on from will say goodbye to key wrestlers like Boss, Baum and Vaught.

Girls' bowling

team goes to State Both boys' and girls' bowling teams had a stellar



season, continuing the tradition of good bowling in Lowell. The girls' team took first place in the OK-White conference and won the Regional final, against a strong 15 teams. The win sent them to state finals in Muskegon where they placed 11th in the state.

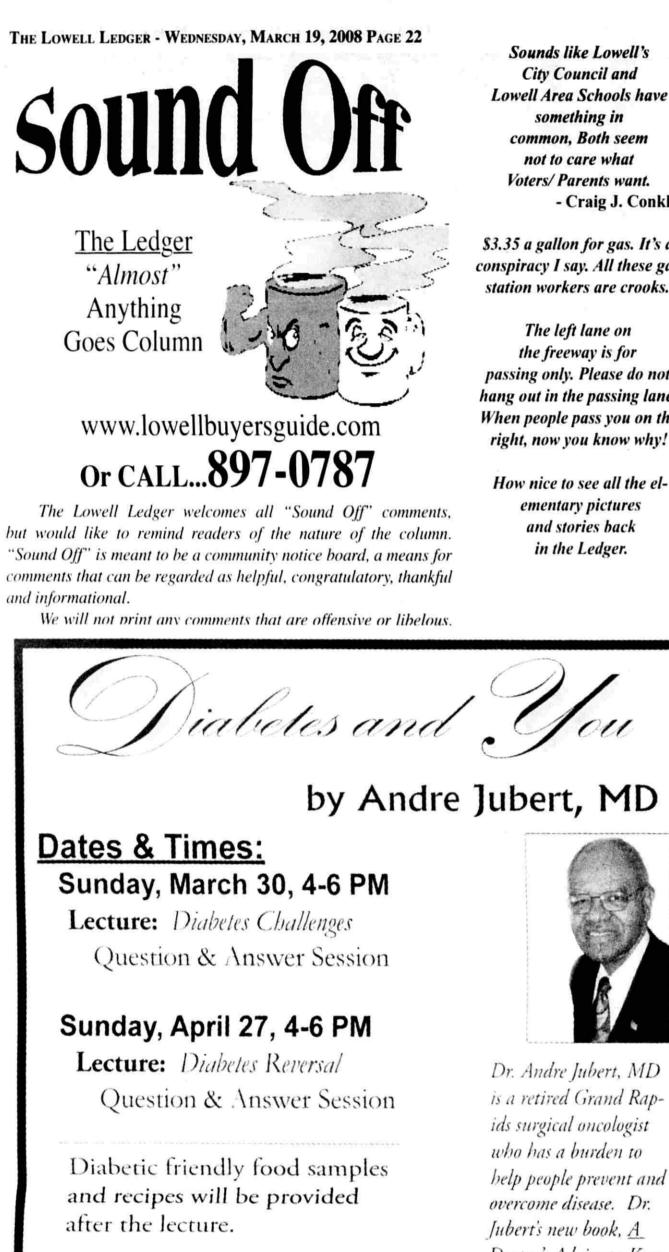
The team also sent Liberty Clark, Ashley Nawrocki and Nicole Videan to the individual state finals

The boys' team took second in the conference, falling to Northview. At the Regional finals, the team finished fifth overall.

Brandon Jahnke scored well enough to send him to individual state finals, where he placed 16th overall.







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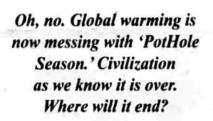
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won't be voting!



Pictured above is Murray Lake Elementary's volunteer of the month, Heather Organek, with her daughters Emma and Anna. Organek was nominated by several Murray Lake staff members for the many hours of time she donates to the school. "I enjoy volunteering at Murray Lake, because I enjoy being with all of the students. I love the school, and most of all I like to be close to my girls," she said.







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Wege preserves 577 acres in Vergennes Township

by Emma Palova

Conservation easements totaling 577 acres in Vergennes Township have been donated by philanthropist Peter Wege.

The preserved area also known as the Parnell Avenue Corridor has been considered by the residents of Grattan and Vergennes townships as prime farmland.

"Conservation easement is a legal document that restricts the use of the property," said Kendra Wills of MSU Extension.

The easement tailored to each individual property determines whether residential construction should be allowed, hunting and farming practices and other environmental protection factors.

Conservation easeare donated ments voluntarily to determine the use of the property in the future.

"It's still a private property, unless the donor wants to open it up for public use," said Wills.

To encourage the donation of conservation easements. state and federal tax incentives have been created for qualified donations.

The land conservancy of West Michigan is in charge of monitoring the use of properties.

According to Wills, this has been the single largest donation of land to the conservancy. Together with preserved farmland, there will be 1,044 acres of preserved land within the Parnell Corridor.

"Mr. Wege is well known locally and nation-

This sign along Two Mile Road designates one of several easements donated by Peter Wege.

ally for his leadership and generosity to environmental causes," said Wills.

It is Wege's hope that other people will do the same thing.

"I take great pleasure in the beauty of this natural, undeveloped land," Wege said. "Now, I know it will be there for the community and generations to come."

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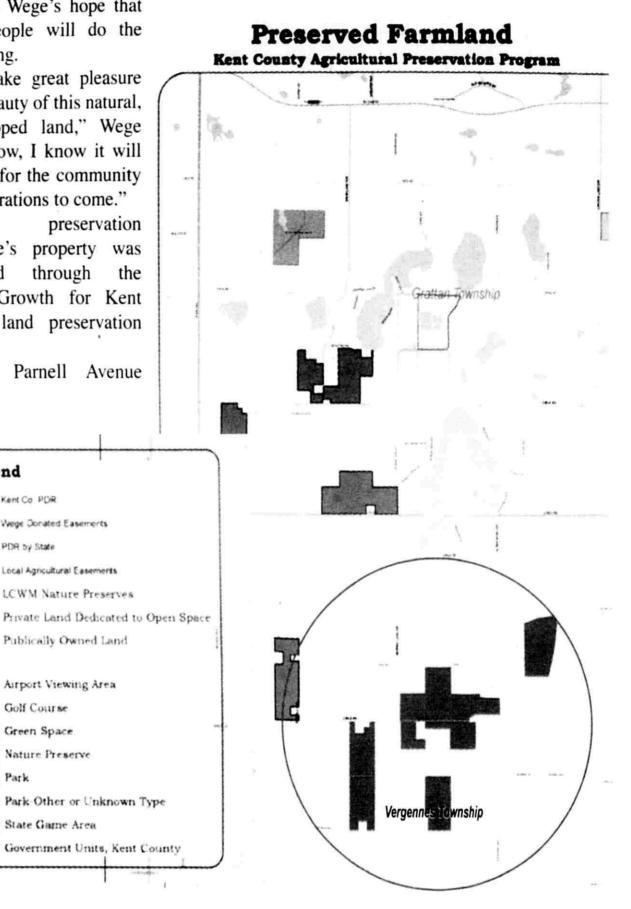
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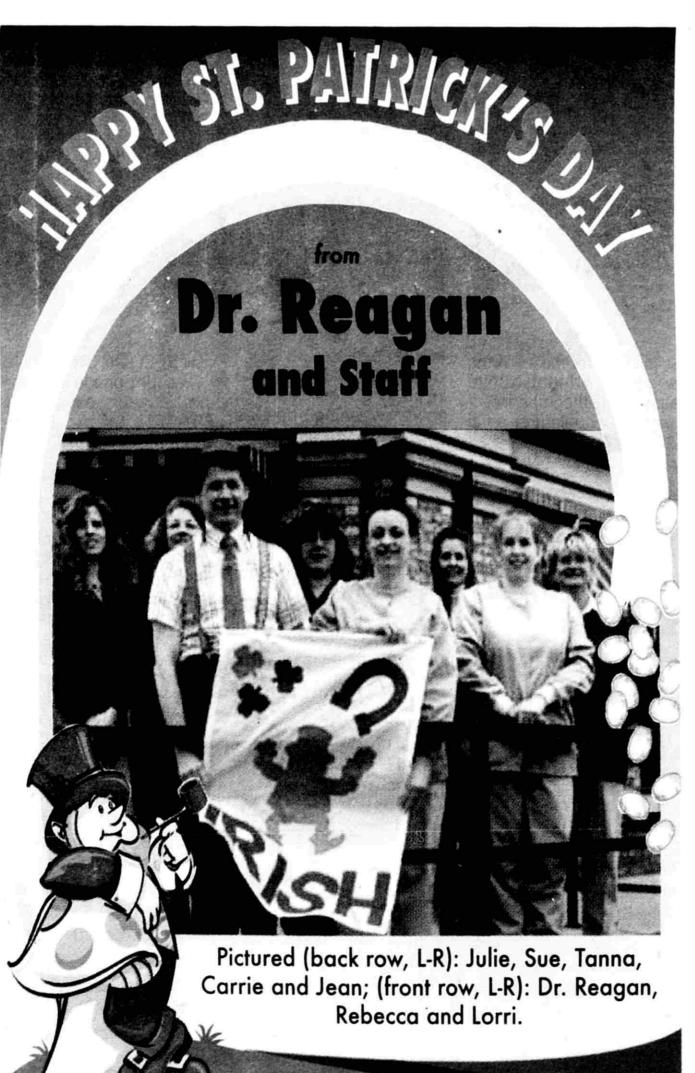
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